

March 30, 2021

Re: SB772, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors

Dear Senate Health Care Committee,

My name is Jan Martin and I am a patient of Dr. Katherine Neubauer, ND. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support SB772.

I have worked with many types of medical providers, and none have taken the time and shown the care in my health and welfare as my naturopathic physician has. The level of education, support and competent care that I have received has not only helped me move forward with my health conditions, but has renewed my faith in the healthcare system.

Unfortunately, right now in Oregon NDs are not being fairly compensated for their valuable contributions to healthcare. This makes it more difficult for people like me to access this unique and essential level of care. It also limits my choices when it comes to healthcare.

My ND manages the majority of my healthcare needs as a recovering cancer patient. She also refers me to other competent providers and specialists when appropriate. In addition, she teaches me about diet and nutrition, how to stay active, manage stress, improve my sleep and become more proactive in my own healthcare. The surgeon who removed my cancerous tumor (sarcoma) may have saved my life, but I credit Dr. Neubauer with keeping me alive and healthy.

I am asking you to vote yes on SB772 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,
Jan Martin