

Tor Brown
61425 Lana Way
Bend, OR 97702

February 15, 2021

Re: HB2673, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is ~~Tor Brown~~ ^{Tor Brown} and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

I have worked with many types of medical providers, and none have taken the time and shown the care in my health and welfare like my naturopathic physician. 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 in this great state. 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 whether it be my annual physical, lab orders, health screenings or prescription(s). They also refer me to other competent providers and specialists when appropriate. In addition, they teach me about diet and nutrition, how to stay active, manage stress, improve my sleep and become more proactive in my own healthcare. All of these things come together to create a more complete treatment plan for my health and I have never felt better.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely,



Tor Brown

Name: Jill Hohnstein

Date: Feb. 9, 2021

Subject: HB 2673 Oregon Association of Naturopathic Physicians Pay Parity Bill

Dear Senate and Health Care Committees,

My name is Jill Hohnstein and I am a patient of a naturopathic physician. I would like to share my experience working with my ND to show the importance and value of this profession in the state of Oregon.

I have had chronic tiredness and other weird problems for many, many years. Each time I would visit an MD about these, I would be told there was nothing to be done. The first time I went to a naturopath, he suggested a blood test for ferritin. Turns out, mine was extremely low. He put me on iron and I felt better for the first time in a decade.

Since then, I have used an ND for my chronic issues and would like my ND to be my primary care physician. It is my experience that the NDs tend to listen more and try to get to the root of this issue, rather than just treat the symptoms. But it's expensive to use my ND, due to problems with insurance coverage.

I am asking that you vote yes on the Naturopathic Physician Pay Parity bill.

Sincerely,

Jill Hohnstein

Name: Autumn Johnson

Date: February 9, 2021

Subject: HB 2673 Oregon Association of Naturopathic Physicians Pay Parity Bill

Dear Senate and Health Care Committees,

My name is Autumn Johnson and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Physician. I would like to share my experience working with an ND to show the importance and value of this profession in the state of Oregon.

As a daughter of a nurse, I remember my mother telling me how important it was for a patient to be heard and for doctors to treat the patient and not just the symptoms. For years I struggled with horrible respiratory issues that were met with inhalers and nothing more. Although it worked so to a certain degree, every year was met with bronchitis and antibiotics. I needed more and my regular doctor just wasn't hearing me. Later in life I, after having four beautiful babies, I need someone who could help me get hormones back to where they should be in the most natural way possible. After a year of seeing my ND, my life was changing in a way that was healthier than ever before. I see my ND because she understands the balance between "western medicine" and "natural medicine". It's not a matter of one over the other, but both approaches are important and ND should be treated with same as other medical professionals in regards to insurance. Why are naturopathic physicians paid so little compared to the other providers I have seen?

I am asking that you vote yes on the Naturopathic Physician Pay Parity bill.

Sincerely,

Autumn Johnson

Larry Indra:

Date: 02-17-2021

Subject: HB 2673 Oregon Association of Naturopathic Physicians Pay Parity Bill

Dear Senate and Health Care Committees,

My name is Larry Indra and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Physician. I would like to share my experience working with an ND to show the importance and value of this profession in the state of Oregon.

I was a patient of a medical physician who was treating me for depression and had me taking (3) different prescriptions. The second medication was to reduce the side effects of the first prescription. The third medication was to counter the bad side effects of the first two. During an office visit I questioned the effectiveness of my prescriptions and that they were not working. My doctor of 14 years stated "If I make you well I can't make any money!" I stated that I could not believe that he told that to my face.

I started to see an Acupuncturist and within two weeks had me off all three medications and had reduced my depression by 50%. The dangerous side effects started to diminish and within another three weeks they were gone. The Acupuncturist used acupuncture and natural herbs as the treatment and cured my issues. Acupuncture heals by causing your body to focus on the ailment and assist the body in healing, sometimes with the assistance of natural herbs and supplements. My naturopathic doctor talks to me not at me and she listen to what I tell her. Since then I have seen many times where naturopathic medicine has worked where western medicine did not. Western medicine has only been around for approximately 160 years, naturopathic and alternative medicine has been used with success for thousands of years.

It was cheaper for me and my insurance company for me to see a Naturopathic Physician because the treatment works and I do not have to return over and over to the doctor.

I do not understand why insurance companies try to block care for their members that work and is cheaper in the long run.

Why are naturopathic physicians paid so little compared to the other providers I have seen?

I am asking that you vote yes on the Naturopathic Physician Pay Parity bill.

Sincerely,

Larry Indra

Emilio Ramirez
5248 NE 45th Pl
Portland, OR 97218

February 6, 2021

Re: HB2673, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is Emilio Ramirez and I have been a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and am your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

I have worked with many types of medical providers, and none have taken the time and shown the care in my health and welfare like my naturopathic physician. 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 in this great state. 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 NDs have managed the majority of my healthcare needs whether it be my annual physical, lab orders, health screenings or prescription(s). They also refer me to other competent providers and specialists when appropriate. In addition, they teach me about diet and nutrition, how to stay active, manage stress, improve my sleep and become more proactive in my own healthcare. All of these things come together to create a more complete treatment plan for my health and I have never felt better.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,

Emilio Ramirez

FROM THE DESK OF KATHLEEN KIPPEN

Re: HB2673, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is Kathleen Kippen and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

I have worked with many types of medical providers, and none have taken the time and shown the care in my health and welfare like my naturopathic physician. The level of education, support and competent care that I have received has not only helped me move forward with my health conditions(stage 3 endometriosis), 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 health care in Oregon. 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 whether it be my annual physical, lab orders, health screenings or prescription(s). They also refer me to other competent providers and specialists when appropriate. In addition, they teach me about diet and nutrition, how to stay active, manage stress, improve my sleep and become more proactive in my own healthcare. All of these things come together to create a more complete treatment plan for my health and I have never felt better.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Thank you for your time,

Kathleen Kippen

1609 NE Alberta St.
Portland, Oregon, 97211

February 6, 2021

Re: HB2673, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)

Dear Senate and House Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is Erica Caligiuri and I am writing to support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Three years ago, I moved from Minneapolis, Minnesota to Portland, Oregon, and a slew of interconnected health problems came with me. In Minnesota, a state without accessible naturopathic care, I was “treated” by multiple specialists, who focused on symptoms and prescriptions. As a relatively young woman, I suspected there was a better path than a lifetime of drugs, and was lucky to find it in Oregon given the more widely available access to NDs.

My ND was able to test me for a variety of allergies and provide SLIT treatment. (In Minnesota, this type of treatment would’ve required a 12 hour round trip drive to the nearest provider.) My ND was able to diagnose a fungal infection that was undiagnosed by multiple MDs over a period of YEARS. My ND was able to wean me off of pharmaceuticals with detrimental long-term effects, and address my issues with more gentle supplements.

In short, my ND is my primary care physician, and my most trusted health partner. My naturopath, Dr. Laurie Menk Otto, has made such a positive impact on my health, and she deserves to be fairly paid. I am asking that you vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely,

Erica Caligiuri

February 11, 2021

Re: HB2673, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)

Dear Senate and Health Care Committees,

My name is Rebecca Smith, and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Physician as well as a member of the Kaiser Permanente HMO. If I could restructure health care, I would choose my NP as my primary care physician and allow her to refer and coordinate with all the support systems that Kaiser has to offer. My NP has the breadth and comprehensiveness of knowledge and commitment to my care that I need.

I am asking that you vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Smith
West Linn, OR

February 3, 2021

Re: HB2673, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is **Vinci Daro** and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I am writing to ask you to please support HB2673.

Naturopathic doctors in Oregon are not being fairly compensated for their important work and contributions to healthcare in our state. This makes it more difficult for people like me to access essential services and essential choices when it comes to healthcare.

My ND manages the majority of my healthcare needs whether it be my annual physical, lab orders, health screenings or prescriptions. He also refers me to other providers and specialists, when appropriate. In addition, he teaches me about diet and nutrition, manage stress, improve my sleep and become more proactive in my own healthcare. All of these things come together to create a more complete treatment plan for my health.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,

Vinci Daro

CHRISTINA CAMELI
25275 SW MOUNTAIN ROAD
WEST LINN, OR 97068
503-334-9898

February 2, 2021

Re: HB2673, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is **Christina Cameli** and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

I have worked with many types of medical providers, and none have taken the time and shown the care in my health and welfare like my naturopathic physician. 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 in this great state. 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 whether it be my annual physical, lab orders, health screenings or prescription(s). They also refer me to other competent providers and specialists when appropriate. In addition, they teach me about diet and nutrition, how to stay active, manage stress, improve my sleep and become more proactive in my own healthcare. All of these things come together to create a more complete treatment plan for my health and I have never felt better.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,

Christina Cameli

February 11, 2021

Re: HB2673, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is Megan Hanson and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

I have worked with many types of medical providers, and none have taken the time and shown the care in my health and welfare like my naturopathic physician. 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 in this great state. 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 whether it be my annual physical, lab orders, health screenings or prescription(s). They also refer me to other competent providers and specialists when appropriate. In addition, they teach me about diet and nutrition, how to stay active, manage stress, improve my sleep and become more proactive in my own healthcare. All of these things come together to create a more complete treatment plan for my health and I have never felt better.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,

Megan Hanson

Portland, Oregon

February 2, 2021

Re: HB2673, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is Kurt Clemence, and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

I have worked with many types of medical providers, and none have taken the time and shown the care in my health and welfare like my naturopathic physician. 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 in this great state. 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 whether it be my annual physical, lab orders, health screenings or prescription(s). They also refer me to other competent providers and specialists when appropriate. In addition, they teach me about diet and nutrition, how to stay active, manage stress, improve my sleep and become more proactive in my own healthcare. All of these things come together to create a more complete treatment plan for my health and I have never felt better.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,

Kurt Clemence
10213 SE Yukon St
Portland OR 97266

February 1, 2021

Re: HB2673, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)

Dear Senate and Health Care Committee Members,

My name is Rebekah Osowick and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

I have worked with many types of medical providers, and none have taken the time and shown the care in my health and welfare like my naturopathic physician. When I visit a Naturopathic Doctor I feel that I am seen as a whole person with systems that work together to create my wellbeing. When something is not working properly, it affects the whole body. My ND works with me to solve issues within my body rather than treat the one symptom that is presenting itself. I am given the time and attention that it takes to solve these problems rather than rushed out the door of a traditional MD. 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 in this great state. 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 whether it be my annual physical, lab orders, health screenings or prescription(s). They also refer me to other competent providers and specialists when appropriate. In addition, they teach me about diet and nutrition, how to stay active, manage stress, improve my sleep and become more proactive in my own healthcare. All of these things come together to create a more complete treatment plan for my health and I have never felt better. This saves time and resources down the road as I am less likely to need more intensive care from being unhealthy.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,

Rebekah Osowick

Name: Joy King

Date: 2/9/21

Subject: HB 2673 Oregon Association of Naturopathic Physicians Pay Parity Bill

Dear Senate and Health Care Committees,

My name is Joy King and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Physician. I would like to share my experience working with an ND to show the importance and value of this profession in the state of Oregon.

All three of the extraordinary Naturopathic Physicians that have contributed their knowledge and commitment to my health over 20 years, have indeed made the most significant and long lasting impact to improving my health.

Working with a naturopathic physician has equipped me with knowledge, insight, and the ability to care for my own health. This has kept me from unnecessary medical bills and medications that would cost my health insurance greatly. It has prevented emergency room visits, and empowered me to ultimately care for my own health with confidence, through education, support, and reliable care.

I am then more articulate and efficient when I see my MD physicians who are overwhelmingly busy. . This is a win- win for all of us. We need Naturopathic physicians and they need to be honored financially for the life giving work that they do at the front end of medical care, to lessen the burden on the system from that point forward.

It makes business sense and quality of life sense for all patients.

Why are naturopathic physicians paid so little compared to the other providers I have seen?

I am asking that you vote yes on the Naturopathic Physician Pay Parity bill.

Sincerely,

Joy King

February 3, 2021

Re: HB2673, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)

Dear Senate and Health Care Committee Members,

My name is Susan Wilkinson and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

I am 46 years old and have worked with many types of medical providers over the years, and NONE have taken the time and shown the care in my health and welfare like my naturopathic physician. 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 in this great state. 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 including my annual physical, lab orders, health screenings, urgent care issues and prescription(s). They also refer me to other competent providers and specialists when appropriate. In addition, they teach me about diet and nutrition, how to stay active, manage stress, improve my sleep and become more proactive in my own healthcare. All of these things come together to create a more complete treatment plan for my health and I have never felt better!

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan Wilkinson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Susan Wilkinson

Wilkinson.susan@ymail.com

February 1, 2021

Re: HB2673, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is **Michelle Hexum** and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

I have worked with many types of medical providers, and none have taken the time and shown the care in my health and welfare like my naturopathic physician. 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 in this great state. 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 whether it be my annual physical, lab orders, health screenings or prescription(s). They also refer me to other competent providers and specialists when appropriate. In addition, they teach me about diet and nutrition, how to stay active, manage stress, improve my sleep and become more proactive in my own healthcare. All of these things come together to create a more complete treatment plan for my health and I have never felt better.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,

Michelle

February 3, 2021

Re: HB2673, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)

Dear Senate and Health Care Committee Members,

My name is Tim Wilkinson and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

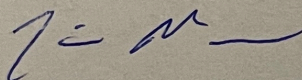
I have worked with many types of medical providers, and none have taken the time and shown the care in my health and welfare like my naturopathic physician. The level of education, support and competent care that I have received has not only helped me move forward with my health conditions, but has renewed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

Unfortunately, right now in Oregon NDs are not being fairly compensated for their valuable contributions to healthcare in this great state. 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 whether it be my annual physical, lab orders, health screenings or prescription(s). They also refer me to other competent providers and specialists when appropriate. In addition, they teach me about diet and nutrition, how to stay active, manage stress, improve my sleep and become more proactive in my own healthcare. All of these things come together to create a more complete treatment plan for my health and I have never felt better.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours, -



Tim Wilkinson

Reefguy100@gmail.com

Annie Thorp

February 11, 2021

HB 2673 Oregon Association of Naturopathic Physicians Pay Parity Bill

Dear Senate and Health Care Committees,

My name is Annie Thorp and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Physician. I would like to share my experience working with an ND to show the importance and value of this profession in the state of Oregon.

I am 69 years old and have been seeing a Naturopathic Physician for over twenty years because they treat holistically; they are fully trained physicians who utilize both allopathic and naturopathic treatments and remedies and I have experienced far more success and positive outcomes with their treatments than any traditional allopathic methods with traditional physicians.

I have found traditional medical practitioners to be limited in the scope and variety of treatment options. The approach of "one size fits all" methodologies neglects to consider the whole person and fails to address individual needs. Additionally and more importantly, I have experienced success, maintained my health, and had positive outcomes under the care of Naturopathic Physicians when allopathic treatments failed me.

I believe that as a health care consumer I should have choices in my health care providers that are currently denied me as a retired person on Medicare, and have never fully been covered by my very costly medical insurance when I was employed.

I fail to understand why naturopathic physicians are paid so little compared to other medical providers I have seen?

I respectfully am asking that you vote yes on the Naturopathic Physician Pay Parity Bill.

Sincerely,

Annie Thorp

KWAN YIN HEALING ARTS OF PORTLAND
2330 NE FLANDERS, SUITE 101
PORTLAND, OR 97210

February 1, 2021

Re: HB2673, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is **(Insert Your Name)** and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

I have worked with many types of medical providers, and none have taken the time and shown the care in my health and welfare like my naturopathic physician. 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 in this great state. 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 whether it be my annual physical, lab orders, health screenings or prescription(s). They also refer me to other competent providers and specialists when appropriate. In addition, they teach me about diet and nutrition, how to stay active, manage stress, improve my sleep and become more proactive in my own healthcare. All of these things come together to create a more complete treatment plan for my health and I have never felt better.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,

Cynthia Acott Thurman

Resident of Oregon and Washington

FROM THE DESK OF
(Rebecca Sand, ND)

February 1, 2021

Re: HB2673, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is **Vandalia J Benson** and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

I have worked with many types of medical providers, and none have taken the time and shown the care in my health and welfare like my naturopathic physician. 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 in this great state. 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 whether it be my annual physical, lab orders, health screenings or prescription(s). They also refer me to other competent providers and specialists when appropriate. In addition, they teach me about diet and nutrition, how to stay active, manage stress, improve my sleep and become more proactive in my own healthcare. All of these things come together to create a more complete treatment plan for my health and I have never felt better.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,

Vandalia J Benson

February 11, 2021

Re: HB2673, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is **Kelly Sullivan** and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

As a person with Crohn's Disease and a history of cancer, I have seen many medical providers. Naturopaths have been an equal benefit to me as those providers. They have offered great insight into the connection of my symptoms and choices I make about my health. They have been encouraging and wise.

Unfortunately, right now in Oregon NDs are not being fairly compensated for their valuable contributions to healthcare in this great state. 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.

At this time, my ND manages one portion of my care, but she is the provider I go to when I need a holistic perspective on me as a person and not simply the common location of disparate medical conditions. I came to her with my very straightforward concern after consulted two other MD providers. She orders labs and prescribed medication in support of my overall health. Her work and medical advice is always research based and thoughtful and she refers me to other competent providers and specialists when appropriate. After my cancer treatment, she gave me invaluable instruction for diet and sleep that helped me regain my health.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Kind regards,

Kelly Sullivan

11135 SE 31st Ave / Milwaukie, OR 97222

February 1, 2021

Re: HB2673, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is Jackie Davidson and my daughter who has special needs is a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND). My husband and I are your constituents. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

Because my daughter has difficulty expressing herself verbally we have had many difficult experiences with many types of medical providers, and none have taken the time and shown the care in her health and welfare like our naturopathic physician. The level of education, support and competent care we has finally helped us understand the root causes of our daughter's health issues. Having a doctor who truly LISTENS to our concerns has renewed my faith in the healthcare system.

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

Our ND manages the majority of our daughter's healthcare needs, including annual physicals, lab orders, health screenings, and prescription(s). She is ready to refer us to other competent providers and specialists when appropriate. In addition she teaches our daughter about the importance of diet and nutrition, how to stay active, manage stress, improve her sleep and become more proactive in her own healthcare. All of these things come together to create a more complete treatment plan for her health and she is thriving under our NDs care. .

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,

Jackie Davidson

Portland, 97229-1021

FROM THE DESK OF

Darcy Paquette

February 12, 2021

Re: HB2673, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is Darcy Paquette and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

I have worked with many types of medical providers, and none have taken the time and shown the care in my health and welfare like my naturopathic physician. 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 in this great state. 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 whether it be my annual physical, lab orders, health screenings or prescription(s). They also refer me to other competent providers and specialists when appropriate. In addition, they teach me about diet and nutrition, how to stay active, manage stress, improve my sleep and become more proactive in my own healthcare. All of these things come together to create a more complete treatment plan for my health and I have never felt better.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,

Darcy Paquette

19 Bloch Terrace

Lake Oswego, OR 97035

Jodi Remensperger

11685 SW Denfield St
Beaverton, OR 97005

February 1, 2021

Re: HB2673, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is **Jodi Remensperger** and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

I have worked with many types of medical providers, and very few have taken the time and shown the care in my health and welfare like my naturopathic physician. The level of education, support and competent care that I have received has been instrumental in helping me improve my health.


Unfortunately, right now in Oregon NDs are not being fairly compensated for their valuable contributions to healthcare in this great state. 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.

In the past, I tried using an ND to manage my healthcare needs for my annual physical, lab orders, health screenings and prescription(s). However, it was difficult to maintain financially so I returned to the standard primary care model of just dealing with acute issues versus proactive, preventative management of my health and well-being. My ND offered wholistic care, but also referred me to other competent providers and specialists when appropriate. In addition, she taught me about diet and nutrition, how to stay active, manage stress, improve my sleep and become more proactive in my own healthcare. All of these things come together to create a more complete treatment plan for my health.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,

Jodi Remensperger



FROM THE DESK OF

Claudia Porter, Ph.D.

February 2, 2021

Re: HB2673, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is Claudia Porter, and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

I have worked with many types of medical providers, and none have taken the time and shown the care in my health and welfare like my naturopathic physician. 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. Only the ND I have worked with have, in fact, helped me with my overall health and immune system over the course of the past 10 years!

Unfortunately, right now in Oregon NDs are not being fairly compensated for their valuable contributions to healthcare in this great state. 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 whether it be my annual physical, lab orders, health screenings or prescriptions. They also refer me to other competent providers and specialists when appropriate. In addition, they teach me about diet and nutrition, how to stay active, manage stress, improve my sleep and become more proactive in my own healthcare. All of these things come together to create a more complete treatment plan for my health and I have never felt better.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Claudia Porter".

Claudia Porter

February 1, 2021

Re: HB2673, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is **Barbara Szulczewski** and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

I have worked with many types of medical providers, and none have taken the time and shown the care in my health and welfare like my naturopathic physician. 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 in this great state. 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 much of my healthcare needs whether it lab orders, health screenings or prescription(s). They also refer me to other competent providers and specialists when appropriate. In addition, they teach me about diet and nutrition, how to stay active, manage stress, improve my sleep and become more proactive in my own healthcare. All of these things come together to create a more complete treatment plan for my health which is extremely important to me. Frankly, I have not found an MD who spends the time needed for all my needs.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,

Barbara Szulczewski

Michele McManamy

02/09/2021

Subject: HB 2673 Oregon Association of Naturopathic Physicians Pay Parity Bill

Dear Senate and Health Care Committees,

My name is Michele and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Physician. I would like to share my experience working with an ND to show the importance and value of this profession in the state of Oregon.

- It's so important for patients to have a choice in their healthcare provider and insurance often makes it impossible to do so.
- I see my ND specifically to avoid pharmaceuticals that give me more side effects than cures.
- My Dr in naturopathic medicine has helped me throughout the few years I have been seeing her with my overall health, women's health, diet/exercise, etc and treats my symptoms by looking at the source of the problem. Seeing a conventional Dr after my first visitations with my ND showed just how tunnel visioned some conventional practitioners are trained.

Why are naturopathic physicians paid so little compared to the other providers I have seen?

I am asking that you vote yes on the Naturopathic Physician Pay Parity bill.

Sincerely,

Michele McManamy

February 1, 2021

Re: HB2673, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)

Dear House Jennifer Jacobs and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

I have worked with many types of medical providers, and none have taken the time and shown the care in my health and welfare like my naturopathic physician. 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 in this great state. 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 whether it be my annual physical, lab orders, health screenings or prescription(s). They also refer me to other competent providers and specialists when appropriate. In addition, they teach me about diet and nutrition, how to stay active, manage stress, improve my sleep and become more proactive in my own healthcare. All of these things come together to create a more complete treatment plan for my health and I have never felt better.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,

Jennifer Jacobs

Fairview, Oregon

February 2, 2021

Re: HB2673, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is **Angela Guerrero** and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

I have worked with many types of medical providers, and none have taken the time and shown the care in my health and welfare like my naturopathic physician. 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 in this great state. 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 whether it be my annual physical, lab orders, health screenings or prescription(s). They also refer me to other competent providers and specialists when appropriate. In addition, they teach me about diet and nutrition, how to stay active, manage stress, improve my sleep and become more proactive in my own healthcare. All of these things come together to create a more complete treatment plan for my health and I have never felt better.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,

Angela Guerrero

February 5, 2021

Re: HB2673, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)

Dear Senate and Health Care Committee Members,

My name is Lisa Knudsen and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

I have worked with many types of medical providers, and none have taken the time and shown the care in my health and welfare like my naturopathic physician. 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 in this great state. 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 whether it be my annual physical, lab orders, health screenings or prescription(s). They also refer me to other competent providers and specialists when appropriate. In addition, they teach me about diet and nutrition, how to stay active, manage stress, improve my sleep and become more proactive in my own healthcare. All of these things work together and create a more complete treatment plan for my health.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,

Lisa Knudsen

Name: Rachael Valov

Date: February 9, 2021

Subject: HB 2673 Oregon Association of Naturopathic Physicians Pay Parity Bill

Dear Senate and Health Care Committees,

My name is Rachael Valov and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Physician. I would like to share my experience working with an ND to show the importance and value of this profession in the state of Oregon.

I have seen both regular primary care doctors and naturopathic physicians. While I believe both are essential I would like to plead that naturopathic care be fully covered by insurance providers. For years I had went to a regular primary care and specialist doctors to be put on various types of drugs which never helped figure out the root cause of my health problem only to have the drugs create more types of problems and resulted in countless more doctor visits. I am happy to report that when I switched to my naturopathic doctor, he was able to discover the root of my problem, treat it with inexpensive remedies (of which I pay out of my pocket) and I now hardly need to visit the doctor. I am able to function at work and in society 100x better now and can't imagine how I would have continued living life if it wasn't for my ND. Why are naturopathic physicians paid so little compared to the other providers I have seen?

I am asking that you vote yes on the Naturopathic Physician Pay Parity bill.

Sincerely,

Rachael Valov

Name: Sister Mariam Sharbel Vianney

Date: 2/09/21

Subject: HB 2673 Oregon Association of Naturopathic Physicians
Pay Parity Bill

Dear Senate and Health Care Committees,

My name is Mariam Vianney and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Physician. I would like to share my experience working with an ND to show the importance and value of this profession in the state of Oregon.

I have been seeing a naturopathic doctor in addition to Western Medicine doctors. It is incredible to have well balanced health care.

There are some conditions that Medical Doctors don't recognize or treat. I have had many of these over the past 6 years and have been incredibly helped.

I have been dealing with "leaky gut" or increased intestinal permeability. My GI doctor chased it for years and the naturopathic diagnosed it rapidly, found the food I was having problems with. After having been on that food plan for a year, the leaky gut problem was resolved.

I have also dealt with chronic fatigue syndrome and am in "fight or flight" chronically which stresses my adrenal glands. My cortisol levels were always low normal and so since "normal" regular MD

wouldn't treat. Naturopath placed me on adrenal support and the anxiety, panic attacks, ocd and other symptoms went away.

I could go on but this gives you a good idea of how valuable Naturopathic care is. The fact that our insurance limits this valuable service is depriving us of receiving it when we really need. Its appalling to me that our tax money is used for other medical procedures that are so controversial and immoral such as abortion and transgender surgeries but the insurance wont pay for a naturopath.

Why are naturopathic physicians paid so little compared to the other providers I have seen?

I am asking that you vote yes on the Naturopathic Physician Pay Parity bill.

Sincerely,

Sister Mariam Sharbel Vianney

February 12, 2021

Re: HB2673, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is Gail Harrower and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

I have worked with many types of medical providers, and none have taken the time and shown the care in my health and welfare like my naturopathic physician. 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.

My ND manages the majority of my healthcare needs whether it be my annual physical, lab orders, health screenings or prescription(s). They also refer me to other competent providers and specialists when appropriate. In addition, they teach me about diet and nutrition, how to stay active, manage stress, improve my sleep and become more proactive in my own healthcare. All of these things come together to create a more complete treatment plan for my health and wellbeing.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely,
Gail Harrower

Bend, Oregon

FROM THE DESK OF

December Monnin

February 3, 2021

Re: HB2673, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is **December Monnin** and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

I have worked with many types of medical providers, and none have taken the time and shown the care in my health and welfare like my naturopathic physician. 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 in this great state. 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 whether it be my annual physical, lab orders, health screenings or prescription(s). They also refer me to other competent providers and specialists when appropriate. In addition, they teach me about diet and nutrition, how to stay active, manage stress, improve my sleep and become more proactive in my own healthcare. All of these things come together to create a more complete treatment plan for my health and I have never felt better.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,

December Monnin

Teresa Dane Marcel
1333 Skyland Drive
Lake Oswego, OR 97034
11 February 2021

Re: HB2673, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is Teresa Dane Marcel, and I am a patient of an excellent Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

Of all the medical providers I have worked with none have taken the time or shown the care in my health and welfare as has my naturopathic physician. As the mother of a naturopathic physician, I am fully aware of the level and extent of education attained by NDs. I witness not only in my ND daughter, but from my own ND also, the truly caring support and competent care they provide. In my own case, the 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 in this great state. 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. In my opinion, not only do NDs need to be fairly compensated, but also given parity in coverage by insurance companies.

I consider my ND to be my primary care physician, and she manages the majority of my healthcare needs including my annual physical, lab orders, health screenings and prescriptions. 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. All of these things come together to create a more complete treatment plan for my health and I am truly grateful for her care.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,



Teresa Dane Marcel

FROM THE DESK OF
Jessica Ediger

February 3, 2021

Re: HB2673, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is **Jessica Ediger** and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

I have worked with many types of medical providers, and none have taken the time and shown the care in my health and welfare like my naturopathic physician. 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 in this great state. 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 whether it be my annual physical, lab orders, health screenings or prescription(s). They also refer me to other competent providers and specialists when appropriate. In addition, they teach me about diet and nutrition, how to stay active, manage stress, improve my sleep and become more proactive in my own healthcare. All of these things come together to create a more complete treatment plan for my health and I have never felt better.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,

Jessica Ediger

James S. Elliot Cell: 435.901.8205
CMO
AdvancedMD

February 9, 2021

Re: HB2673, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is Jim Elliot and I have been a patient of Naturopathic Doctors (ND) all of my adult life. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a patient and ask you to please support HB2673. I have worked with many types of medical providers, and none have produced the results and wellness I have experienced or taken the time and shown the care in my health and welfare like my naturopathic physician. I recently contracted Covid19 and under the care of my ND I was able to get back to normal life and my job within 2 weeks. I am 63 years old and when I left the hospital, they had no ongoing treatment plan or medications that could help me restore my wellness. Alternatively, I found my ND had several key remedies and great information that helped me bounce back quickly. At another point in my life when I was 43 I contracted a viral condition in my cranial nerve called Ramsay Hunt syndrome which paralyzed the left side of my face. After months of searching for answers with an MD Ear Nose and Throat specialist, the only treatment they could offer was a steroid called Prednisone to reduce inflammation and that came with major cautions and known side effects. The steroids had no effect on my paralysis and I resigned myself to the idea I would have to live with a paralyzed face. Then I met Dr. Nick Nossaman MD D.Ht (an MD who is also a doctor of homeopathy) and he changed my world forever with a natural treatment that is commonly used by NDs. He researched my condition for 2 weeks and then gave me silver nitrate powder and the treatment literally restored all function in my face. When I tell MDs I work with the story they pretty much dismiss it as impossible because of their lack of understanding of why it worked. It might be interesting for you to interview Dr. Nossaman because he applies treatments in the realm of both MDs and NDs. In Brussels where my wife is from, a typical sick person is much more likely to visit a homeopathy or natural treatment doctor than an MD when they are sick. In my experience NDs have a much broader knowledge of how to keep people well and out of the hospital than primary care doctors who are in my experience limited to prescribing pharmaceuticals. At one point I observed 2 of my daughters during annual checkups have MDs ask them if they needed any antidepressants without either of them communicating, they were depressed. Another daughter was written narcotic prescriptions whenever she asked and ended up going to in-patient rehab for serious oxy addiction.

Unfortunately, right now in Oregon NDs are not being fairly compensated for their deep knowledge about how to get people well and keep them well. This makes it more difficult for my daughters who both live in Portland to access this unique and essential level of care and limits their choices when it comes to healthcare because our family is committed to natural ways of staying healthy. Based on the experience of 7 people in our family I can say with confidence that the idea of paying MDs who only know pharmaceuticals more than NDs who have a much broader and deeper solution set to cure people and keep them well is the opposite of how it should be.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely,

James S Elliot MBA

Ruby Graven

February 02, 2021

Re: HB2673, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)
In support of my Naturopathic doctor and other NDs: Ashlie Hempstead

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is **Ruby Graven** and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

I have worked with many types of medical providers, and none have taken the time and shown the care in my health and welfare like my naturopathic physician. The level of education, support and quality care that I have received has helped me move forward with my health conditions and supports my trust in medicine.

Oregon NDs need to be fairly compensated for their valuable contributions to healthcare. My ND better understands diet, nutrition, food and exercise. The time she spends with me in appointments addressing several topics under one roof has allowed me to focus on prevention to stay health and well.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,



Ruby Graven

503.798.6240

Ruby.Graven@gmail.com

FROM THE DESK OF

Heidi J. Meeke, Psy.D

February 1, 2021

Re: HB2673, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is Dr. Heidi Meeke and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

I have worked with many types of medical providers, and none have taken the time and shown the care in my health and welfare like my naturopathic physician. 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 in this great state. 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 whether it be my annual physical, lab orders, health screenings or prescription(s). They also refer me to other competent providers and specialists when appropriate. In addition, they teach me about diet and nutrition, how to stay active, manage stress, improve my sleep and become more proactive in my own healthcare. All of these things come together to create a more complete treatment plan for my health and I have never felt better.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,

Heidi J. Meeke, Psy.D.

February 1, 2021

Re: HB2673, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is **Lindsey Kennedy** and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

I have worked with many types of medical providers, and none have taken the time and shown the care in my health and welfare like my naturopathic physician. 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 in this great state. 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 almost all of my healthcare needs whether it be my annual physical, lab orders, health screenings or prescription(s). They also refer me to other competent providers and specialists when appropriate. In addition, they teach me about diet and nutrition, how to stay active, manage stress, improve my sleep and become more proactive in my own healthcare. All of these things come together to create a more complete treatment plan for my health and I have never felt better.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,

Lindsey Kennedy

January 7, 2021

Re: HB2673, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)

Dear Senate and Health Care Committees,

My name is Rebecca Watters and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor. I would like to share my experiences working with an ND to show the importance of this profession in the delivery of quality healthcare in the state of Oregon.

I have had several experiences working with a naturopathic doctor and most of the time it has been after unsuccessful treatment with a specialty physician (ex. GI doctor). The specialty physician treated my symptoms without looking for the root cause of my illnesses and I briefly got better but did not sustain good health. The naturopathic physician ordered tests to find out the cause of my illness and in one case was able to eventually cure me. I even tried to share my test results with the specialty physician to possibly help him in the future and he was not interested.

I am currently dealing with a specialty physician again because symptoms that make it hard for me to manage everyday activities. My primary care physician ordered several tests and scans that were forwarded to the specialty doctor, and with those, my symptoms, and his expertise was able to make a diagnosis. He put me on a couple medications and I have slightly improved, but still have some pretty uncomfortable symptoms that make performing day to day activities very difficult so again I made an appointment with a naturopathic doctor and again, tests were ordered to determine if what the specialty physician treated me for is gone, before trying to deal with my other symptom. The ND explained why it was important to make sure I no longer had that problem before moving on to the next one.

My ND even spoke directly with my acupuncturist to describe specifically what treatment I needed for one of my conditions. Even the specialty physician told me acupuncture was 80% effective for my condition, but he did not call and speak to my acupuncturist.

In all my dealings with naturopathic physicians I have found them to be at least (and sometimes more) experienced in treating my conditions. It only makes sense they be paid at an equal rate.

I am asking that you vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Watters
rrwatters@msn.com
503-705-1974

Name:Elena Chong

Date:2/9/2021

Subject: HB 2673 Oregon Association of Naturopathic Physicians Pay Parity Bill

Dear Senate and Health Care Committees,

My name is Elena Chong and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Physician. I would like to share my experience working with an ND to show the importance and value of this profession in the state of Oregon.

I love going to my naturopath. She is efficient, clear, and hard working. She explains what my treatment options are. She uses a variety of treatment techniques and labs. She quickly diagnosed me and gave me medicine and written instructions. She uses both traditional western medicine as well as herbs. Most importantly, she is well read and keeps up to date with research studies. My naturopath is more knowledgeable than an MD (medical doctor). I only plan to see a naturopathic doctor from now on. Please, don't take it away from me. I deserve a choice.

Naturopaths are honest, open minded and knowledgeable. Everyone will benefit from seeing one.

Why are naturopathic physicians paid so little compared to the other providers I have seen?

I am asking that you vote yes on the Naturopathic Physician Pay Parity bill.

Sincerely,

Elena Chong

February 11, 2021

Re: HB2673, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)

Dear Senate and Health Care Committees,

My name is **Faith Danforth** and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Physician. I have been seeing naturopathic physicians for decades. I would like to share my experience working with an ND to show the importance of this profession in the delivery of quality healthcare in the state of Oregon.

Naturopathic physicians are the **ONLY** health care providers who have consistently been able to treat me as a whole person, able to synthesize all the options available through mainstream allopathic care (MDs, DOs, FNP, Pas, etc) **AND** the wide range of effective options in complementary and natural/holistic care. Often, naturopathic physicians have treatments that are more effective, safer, and more gentle than what is in the MD repertoire. NDs are also able to support integrating treatment across many modalities, including acupuncture, chiropractic, MD care, and ND care.

NDs consistently spend more time with me as a patient, learning about my full health history, my current life circumstances as it relates to my health, and then reviewing options in depth. I leave with a clear plan that is custom to me. I experience most MD care as protocol medicine, where they are required by the system within which they work to recommend exactly the same thing for everyone based only on the diagnosis present.

I have long wondered why NDs are paid so much less than MDs, even though NDs have the same training plus additional domains (herbal medicine, hands-on manipulation, nutrition and behavior change support, etc).

I also believe that I should have the choice to make an ND my primary care physician within any insurance program, as they are as competent or more so for all the usual ailments that general primary care MDs manage.

Oregon has been a leader in recognizing naturopathic care as a societal good. Supporting HB2673 is a way to extend and continue that good.

I am asking that you vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely,
Faith Danforth

Dina Gruenfeld

Feb 7, 2021

Subject: HB 2673 Oregon Association of Naturopathic Physicians Pay Parity Bill

Dear Senate and Health Care Committees,

My name is Dina Gruenfeld and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Physician. I would like to share my experience working with an ND to show the importance of this profession in the state of Oregon.

On several occasions, Naturopathic Doctors have been able to successfully address the root cause of health issues that someone in my family was struggling with when conventional doctors could only offer dangerous medication, with serious side effects, to suppress symptoms. The most extreme example is when my daughter was diagnosed with a serious and scary autoimmune disease, at the age of five. The conventional treatment plan was high doses of steroids for years, with the hope that the disease would go eventually into remission. I did not put her on steroids, but instead took her to see a naturopathic doctor who did some testing and came up with a treatment plan that reversed the course of the disease — something the conventional doctors said could not be done. She was never on steroids or any other prescription medication. The only course of action that we took was what the naturopath recommended. Although her symptoms started to disappear soon after we started working with the naturopath, she continued to have regular appointments with the conventional doctors/specialists at OHSU for two more years. After 2 years, they said she was out of the woods, a rare exception and attributed it to “luck”.

My naturopathic doctors continue to provide invaluable service, and it is beyond upsetting to me that they are paid less than conventional healthcare providers.

I am asking you to vote yes on the Naturopathic Physician Pay Parity bill.

Sincerely,

Dina Gruenfeld

February 3, 2021

To: Legislative@oanp.org

Peter M. Maris
27 Se 71st Avenue
Portland, OR 97215

Re: HB 2673 Oregon Association of Naturopathic Physicians Pay Parity Bill

Dear Senate and Health Care Committees,

My name is Peter Maris and I have used naturopathic physicians as primary care for over a decade. I would like to share my experience working with an ND to show the importance of this profession in the state of Oregon.

When meeting with NDs, as primary care and for specialty treatments or referrals, I get receive personalized treatment that listens to my needs, considers my health across systems and helps me connect life and wellness issues to make changes and improve my health. NDs tend to help educate me better about what I can do to have agency and control my health outcomes as opposed to just prescribing me pharmaceutical interventions and medical interventions. The important of having that information, and practical knowledge to make choices is incredibly important to me and to my health. My primary care and previous naturopathic physicians that have supported me and a chronic heath condition diagnosed at age 26, have been essential to understanding my life and health connections, choices and my ability to navigate life.

Why are naturopathic physicians paid so little compared to the other providers I have seen? Especially when they seem to do better work that centers me and cares for me?

I am asking that you vote yes on the Naturopathic Physician Pay Parity bill.

Sincerely, *Peter Maris*

Peter Maris

FROM THE DESK OF
Judy Wiest

February 1, 2021

Re: HB2673, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is Judy Wiest and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

I have worked with many types of medical providers, and none have taken the time and shown the care in my health and welfare like my naturopathic physician. 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 in this great state. 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 whether it be my annual physical, lab orders, health screenings or prescription(s). They also refer me to other competent providers and specialists when appropriate. In addition, they teach me about diet and nutrition, how to stay active, manage stress, improve my sleep and become more proactive in my own healthcare. All of these things come together to create a more complete treatment plan for my health and I have never felt better.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,

Judy Wiest

FROM THE DESK OF
Sue Galatz

February 1, 2021

Re: HB2673, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is Sue Galatz and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

I have worked with many types of medical providers, and none have taken the time and shown the care in my health and welfare like my naturopathic physician. 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 in this great state. 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 whether it be my annual physical, lab orders, health screenings or prescription(s). They also refer me to other competent providers and specialists when appropriate. In addition, they teach me about diet and nutrition, how to stay active, manage stress, improve my sleep and become more proactive in my own healthcare. All of these things come together to create a more complete treatment plan for my health and I have never felt better.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,

Julie Pond
57138 Evergreen Lane
Warren, OR 97053

February 2, 2021

Re: HB2673, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is Julie, and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

I have had several types of medical providers so my family can have a well-rounded approach to tackling health concerns. When you have a practitioner take the time and shown the care in our family health and welfare like my naturopathic physician compared to a quick rush through visit with other medical practitioners the difference in end care is significant. The level of education, support and competent care that I have received with our naturopathic doctor has allowed my family to be well and face root causes of surface problems that I would not have had otherwise.

I am saddened to know that right now Oregon NDs are not being fairly compensated for their valuable contributions to healthcare in this great state. Which means the costs fall on me for this important care even though I have insurance that should cover this adequately. This limits my choices when it comes to healthcare and hinders my wellbeing for being a contributing member to this state.

My ND manages the majority of my healthcare needs whether it be my annual physical, lab orders, health screenings or prescription(s). They also refer me to other competent providers and specialists when appropriate. In addition, they teach me about diet and nutrition, how to stay active, manage stress, improve my sleep and become more proactive in my own healthcare. All of these things come together to create a more complete treatment plan for my health which helps relieve the healthcare system of inefficient office visits to allow me to concentrate on raising my children and working in Oregon.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,

Julie Pond

FROM THE DESK OF

Robert Larsen

February 1, 2021

Re: HB2673, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is **Rob Larsen** and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

I have worked with many types of medical providers, and none have taken the time and shown the care in my health and welfare like my naturopathic physician. 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 in this great state. 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 whether it be my annual physical, lab orders, health screenings or prescription(s). They also refer me to other competent providers and specialists when appropriate. In addition, they teach me about diet and nutrition, how to stay active, manage stress, improve my sleep and become more proactive in my own healthcare. All of these things come together to create a more complete treatment plan for my health and I have never felt better.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,

Rob Larsen

FROM THE DESK OF

Lydia Pereverzina

February 1, 2021

Re: HB2673, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is Lydia Pereverzina, and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

I have worked with many types of medical providers, and none have taken the time and shown the care in my health and welfare like my naturopathic physician. 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 in this great state. 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 whether it be my annual physical, lab orders, health screenings or prescription(s). They also refer me to other competent providers and specialists when appropriate. In addition, they teach me about diet and nutrition, how to stay active, manage stress, improve my sleep and become more proactive in my own healthcare. All of these things come together to create a more complete treatment plan for my health and I have never felt better.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,

Lydia Pereverzina

February 1, 2021

Re: HB2673, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is **Hillary Day Ehrlich** and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

I have worked with many types of medical providers, and none have taken the time and shown the care in my health and welfare like my naturopathic physician. 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 in this great state. 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 whether it be my annual physical, lab orders, health screenings or prescription(s). They also refer me to other competent providers and specialists when appropriate. In addition, they teach me about diet and nutrition, how to stay active, manage stress, improve my sleep and become more proactive in my own healthcare. All of these things come together to create a more complete treatment plan for my health and I have never felt better.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,

Hillary Day Ehrlich

February 22, 21

Re: HB2673, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is **Hillary Day Ehrlich** and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

I have worked with many types of medical providers, and none have taken the time and shown the care in my health and welfare like my naturopathic physician. 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 in this great state. 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 whether it be my annual physical, lab orders, health screenings or prescription(s). They also refer me to other competent providers and specialists when appropriate. In addition, they teach me about diet and nutrition, how to stay active, manage stress, improve my sleep and become more proactive in my own healthcare. All of these things come together to create a more complete treatment plan for my health and I have never felt better.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,

Hillary Day Ehrlich

FROM THE DESK OF

Natalie Richardson

February 1, 2021

Re: HB2673, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is **Natalie Richardson** and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

I have worked with many types of medical providers, and none have taken the time and shown the care in my health and welfare like my naturopathic physician. 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 in this great state. 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 whether it be my annual physical, lab orders, health screenings or prescription(s). They also refer me to other competent providers and specialists when appropriate. In addition, they teach me about diet and nutrition, how to stay active, manage stress, improve my sleep and become more proactive in my own healthcare. All of these things come together to create a more complete treatment plan for my health and I have never felt better.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,

Natalie Richardson

February 22, 21

Re: HB2673, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is **Hillary Day Ehrlich** and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

I have worked with many types of medical providers, and none have taken the time and shown the care in my health and welfare like my naturopathic physician. 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 in this great state. 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 whether it be my annual physical, lab orders, health screenings or prescription(s). They also refer me to other competent providers and specialists when appropriate. In addition, they teach me about diet and nutrition, how to stay active, manage stress, improve my sleep and become more proactive in my own healthcare. All of these things come together to create a more complete treatment plan for my health and I have never felt better.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,

Hillary Day Ehrlich

FROM THE DESK OF
Joan Ausubel)

February 10, 2021

Re: HB2673, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is **Joan Ausubel** and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

I have worked with many types of medical providers, and none have taken the time and shown the care in my health and welfare like my naturopathic physician. 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 in this great state. 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 many of my healthcare needs. They also refer me to other competent providers and specialists when appropriate. In addition, they teach me about diet and nutrition, how to stay active, manage stress, improve my sleep and become more proactive in my own healthcare. All of these things come together to create a more complete treatment plan for my health and I have never felt better.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,

Joan Ausubel

Portland, Oregon

February 4, 2021

Re: HB2673, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is Kayla Kitay-Moore and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

I have worked with many types of medical providers, and none have taken the time and shown the care in my health and welfare like my naturopathic physician. 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 in this great state. 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 whether it be my annual physical, lab orders, health screenings or prescription(s). They also refer me to other competent providers and specialists when appropriate. In addition, they teach me about diet and nutrition, how to stay active, manage stress, improve my sleep and become more proactive in my own healthcare. All of these things come together to create a more complete treatment plan for my health and I have never felt better.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely,

Kayla Kitay-Moore

From the desk of Jane Johnston

February 12, 2021

Re: HB2673, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is **Jane Johnston** and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

I have worked with many types of medical providers, and none have taken the time and shown the care in my health and welfare like my naturopathic physician. 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 in this great state. 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 whether it be my annual physical, lab orders, health screenings or prescription(s). They also refer me to other competent providers and specialists when appropriate. In addition, they teach me about diet and nutrition, how to stay active, manage stress, improve my sleep and become more proactive in my own healthcare. All of these things come together to create a more complete treatment plan for my health and I have never felt better.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,

Jane Johnston

FROM THE DESK OF

(Insert Your Name, ND)

February 1, 2021

Re: HB2673, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is Katie O'Grady and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

I have worked with many types of medical providers, and none have taken the time and shown the care in my health and welfare like my naturopathic physician. 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 in this great state. 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 whether it be my annual physical, lab orders, health screenings or prescription(s). They also refer me to other competent providers and specialists when appropriate. In addition, they teach me about diet and nutrition, how to stay active, manage stress, improve my sleep and become more proactive in my own healthcare. All of these things come together to create a more complete treatment plan for my health and I have never felt better.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,

Katie O'Grady

February 1, 2021

Re: HB2673, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is Cynthia R Catto, and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

I have worked with many types of medical providers, and none have taken the time and shown the care in my health and welfare like my naturopathic physician. The level of education, support and competent care that I have receive, and has been an immeasurable benefit to my overall well-being.

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 many of my healthcare needs and provides a much-needed balance to traditional medical doctors, who often are focused on treating symptoms rather than the root cause of a problem. They also refer me to other competent providers and specialists when appropriate. In addition, they teach me about diet and nutrition, how to stay active, manage stress, improve my sleep and become more proactive in my own healthcare. All of these things come together to create a more complete treatment plan for my health and I have never felt better.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,

Cynthia R Catto
1125 NW 25th Ave, #1308
Portland, OR 97209

February 3, 2021

Re: HB2673, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is **Kelsey Lundgren** and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

I have worked with many types of medical providers, and none have taken the time and shown the care in my health and welfare like my naturopathic physician. 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 in this great state. 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 whether it be my annual physical, lab orders, health screenings or prescription(s). They also refer me to other competent providers and specialists when appropriate. In addition, they teach me about diet and nutrition, how to stay active, manage stress, improve my sleep and become more proactive in my own healthcare. All of these things come together to create a more complete treatment plan for my health and I have never felt better.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kelsey Lundgren', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Kelsey Lundgren

February 1, 2021

Re: HB2673, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is **Mary Forst**, and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

I have worked with many types of medical providers, and few have taken the time and shown the care in my health and welfare that 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 in this great state. 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 whether it be my annual physical, lab orders, health screenings or prescription(s). They also refer me to other competent providers and specialists when appropriate. In addition, they teach me about diet and nutrition, how to stay active, manage stress, improve my sleep and become more proactive in my own healthcare. All of these things come together to create a more complete treatment plan for my health and I have never felt better.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,

Mary C. Forst

Mary Forst

15500 NW Ferry Rd., Unit H

Portland, OR 97231

February 3, 2021

Re: HB2673, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is **Kelsey Lundgren** and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

I have worked with many types of medical providers, and none have taken the time and shown the care in my health and welfare like my naturopathic physician. 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 in this great state. 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 whether it be my annual physical, lab orders, health screenings or prescription(s). They also refer me to other competent providers and specialists when appropriate. In addition, they teach me about diet and nutrition, how to stay active, manage stress, improve my sleep and become more proactive in my own healthcare. All of these things come together to create a more complete treatment plan for my health and I have never felt better.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kelsey Lundgren', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Kelsey Lundgren

February 7, 2021

Re: HB2673, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is Melanie Rickmann and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

I have worked with many types of medical providers, and none have taken the time and shown the care in my health and welfare like my naturopathic physician. 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 in this great state. 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 whether it be an illness, lab orders, health screenings, or prescription(s). They also refer me to other competent providers and specialists when appropriate. In addition, they teach me about diet and nutrition, how to stay active, manage stress, improve my sleep and become more proactive in my own healthcare. All of these things come together to create a more complete treatment plan for my health and I have never felt better.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely,

Melanie Rickmann

Feb. 3, 2021

Re: HB2673, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is **Sandy Funk** and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

I have worked with many types of medical providers, and none have taken the time and shown the care in my health and welfare like my naturopathic physician. 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 in this great state. 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 whether it be my annual physical, lab orders, health screenings or prescription(s). They also refer me to other competent providers and specialists when appropriate. In addition, they teach me about diet and nutrition, how to stay active, manage stress, improve my sleep and become more proactive in my own healthcare. All of these things come together to create a more complete treatment plan for my health and I have never felt better.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,

Sandy Funk

Jennifer Hawkins

2440 NE 12th Avenue
Portland, OR 97212

February 6, 2021

Re: HB2673, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is Jennifer Hawkins and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a patient and ask you to please support HB2673.

I have worked with many types of medical providers, and none have taken the time and shown the care in my health and welfare like my naturopathic physician. 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 in this great state. 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 whether it be my annual physical, lab orders, health screenings or prescription(s). They also refer me to other competent providers and specialists when appropriate. In addition, they teach me about diet and nutrition, how to stay active, manage stress, improve my sleep and become more proactive in my own healthcare. All of these things come together to create a more complete treatment plan for my health and I have never felt better.

There have been many times in my life that a ND would be the one to solve a vexing problem. When I had severe anemia, my MD had me take a myriad of tests to rule out internal bleeding and cancer, put me on an iron supplement and that was that. I was better but still exhausted all the time. My ND at the time put me on a cleansing diet, checked my adrenals and switched up the iron supplement. It was what my body needed. When I went to my MD with a nightly chronic hive situation that had been going on for months, she said "some people just get hives. It's hard to figure out the reason and you end up just having to find ways to live with it." She offered to prescribe some medication. When I went to my ND, she sent me to an ND who specializes in Dermatology. She also said that its often hard to get to the root of the problem, but she did, with nutrition and adrenal support. Not something an MD usually addresses. Naturopathic doctors provide an invaluable skill set that should be honored.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,

Jennifer Hawkins

February 1, 2021

Re: HB2673, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is **Tara Fremont** and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

I have worked with many types of medical providers, and none have taken the time and shown the care in my health and welfare like my naturopathic physician. 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 in this great state. 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 whether it be my annual physical, lab orders, health screenings or prescription(s). They also refer me to other competent providers and specialists when appropriate. In addition, they teach me about diet and nutrition, how to stay active, manage stress, improve my sleep and become more proactive in my own healthcare. All of these things come together to create a more complete treatment plan for my health and I have never felt better.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,

Tara Fremont

Tara Fremont

February 1, 2021

Re: HB2673, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is Jenna Goldin and I am a patient of a Dr. Lindsay Wilkinson (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

I have worked with many types of medical providers, and none have taken the time and shown the care in my health and welfare like my naturopathic physician. 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 in this great state. 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 whether it be my annual physical, lab orders, health screenings or prescription(s). They also refer me to other competent providers and specialists when appropriate. In addition, they teach me about diet and nutrition, how to stay active, manage stress, improve my sleep and become more proactive in my own healthcare. All of these things come together to create a more complete treatment plan for my health and I have never felt better.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,

Jenna Goldin

FROM THE DESK OF

Cynthia H. Bansen

February 1, 2021

Re: HB2673, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is **Cynthia Bansen** and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

I have worked with many types of medical providers, and none have taken the time and shown the care in my health and welfare like my naturopathic physician. 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 in this great state. 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 whether it be my annual physical, lab orders, health screenings or prescription(s). They also refer me to other competent providers and specialists when appropriate. In addition, they teach me about diet and nutrition, how to stay active, manage stress, improve my sleep and become more proactive in my own healthcare. All of these things come together to create a more complete treatment plan for my health and I have never felt better.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,

Cynthia H. Bansen

1925 NW Runnymede Ct

Portland, OR 97229

FROM THE DESK OF

Ilana Gurevich, ND

February 4, 2021

Re: HB2673, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is Kate Thomas and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

I have worked with many types of medical providers, and none have taken the time and shown the care in my health and welfare like my naturopathic physician. 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 in this great state. 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 whether it be my annual physical, lab orders, health screenings or prescription(s). They also refer me to other competent providers and specialists when appropriate. In addition, they teach me about diet and nutrition, how to stay active, manage stress, improve my sleep and become more proactive in my own healthcare. All of these things come together to create a more complete treatment plan for my health and I have never felt better.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,

Kate Thomas

FROM THE DESK OF

Brandt Bernards

February 1, 2021

Re: HB2673, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is **Brandt Bernards** and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

I have worked with many types of medical providers, and none have taken the time and shown the care in my health and welfare like my naturopathic physician. 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 in this great state. 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 whether it be my annual physical, lab orders, health screenings or prescription(s). They also refer me to other competent providers and specialists when appropriate. In addition, they teach me about diet and nutrition, how to stay active, manage stress, improve my sleep and become more proactive in my own healthcare. All of these things come together to create a more complete treatment plan for my health and I have never felt better.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,



Brandt Bernards

FROM THE DESK OF

Dr. Natalie Hanan, ND

February 1, 2021

Re: HB2673, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is **Jennifer DeVan** and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

I have worked with many types of medical providers, and none have taken the time and shown the care in my health and welfare like my naturopathic physician. 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 in this great state. 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 whether it be my annual physical, lab orders, health screenings or prescription(s). They also refer me to other competent providers and specialists when appropriate. In addition, they teach me about diet and nutrition, how to stay active, manage stress, improve my sleep and become more proactive in my own healthcare. All of these things come together to create a more complete treatment plan for my health and I have never felt better.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,

Jennifer DeVan

Portland, OR 97219

February 1, 2021

Re: HB2673, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is Katelyn Knox and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

I have worked with many types of medical providers, and none have taken the time and shown the care in my health and welfare like my naturopathic physician. 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 in this great state. 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 whether it be my annual physical, lab orders, health screenings or prescription(s). They also refer me to other competent providers and specialists when appropriate. In addition, they teach me about diet and nutrition, how to stay active, manage stress, improve my sleep and become more proactive in my own healthcare. All of these things come together to create a more complete treatment plan for my health and I have never felt better.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,

Katelyn Knox

February 2, 2021

Re: HB2673, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is Vanessa Meyer Crooks and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

I have worked with many types of medical providers, and none have taken the time and shown the care in my health and welfare like my naturopathic physician. 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 in this great state. 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 whether it be my annual physical, lab orders, health screenings or prescription(s). They also refer me to other competent providers and specialists when appropriate. In addition, they teach me about diet and nutrition, how to stay active, manage stress, improve my sleep and become more proactive in my own healthcare. All of these things come together to create a more complete treatment plan for my health and I have never felt better.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,

Vanessa Meyer Crooks

February 1, 2021

Re: HB2673, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is **Beth Rossi, LCSW** and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

I have worked with many types of medical providers, and none have taken the time and shown the care in my health and welfare like my naturopathic physician. 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 in this great state. 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 whether it be my annual physical, lab orders, health screenings or prescription(s). They also refer me to other competent providers and specialists when appropriate. In addition, they teach me about diet and nutrition, how to stay active, manage stress, improve my sleep and become more proactive in my own healthcare. All of these things come together to create a more complete treatment plan for my health and I have never felt better.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,

Beth Rossi LCSW

FROM THE DESK OF

Matt Allen

February 1, 2021

Re: HB2673, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is **Matt Allen** and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

I have worked with many types of medical providers, and none have taken the time and shown the care in my health and welfare like my naturopathic physician. 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 in this great state. 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 whether it be my annual physical, lab orders, health screenings or prescription(s). They also refer me to other competent providers and specialists when appropriate. In addition, they teach me about diet and nutrition, how to stay active, manage stress, improve my sleep and become more proactive in my own healthcare. All of these things come together to create a more complete treatment plan for my health and I have never felt better.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,

Matt Allen

February 1, 2021

Re: HB2673, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is Heather Thompson and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

I have worked with many types of medical providers, and none have taken the time and shown the care in my health and welfare like my naturopathic physician. 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 in this great state. 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 whether it be my annual physical, lab orders, health screenings or prescription(s). They also refer me to other competent providers and specialists when appropriate. In addition, they teach me about diet and nutrition, how to stay active, manage stress, improve my sleep and become more proactive in my own healthcare. All of these things come together to create a more complete treatment plan for my health and I have never felt better.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,

Heather Thompson

hraethompson@gmail.com

FROM THE DESK OF

Patricia Burros

February 1, 2021

Re: HB2673, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is **Patricia Burros** and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

I have worked with many types of medical providers, and none have taken the time and shown the care in my health and welfare like my naturopathic physician. 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 in this great state. 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 whether it be my annual physical, lab orders, health screenings or prescription(s). They also refer me to other competent providers and specialists when appropriate. In addition, they teach me about diet and nutrition, how to stay active, manage stress, improve my sleep and become more proactive in my own healthcare. All of these things come together to create a more complete treatment plan for my health and I have never felt better.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,

Patricia Burros

February 15, 2021

Re: HB2673, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is **Keri Ridenour** and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

I have worked with many types of medical providers, and none have taken the time and shown the care in my health and welfare like my naturopathic physician. 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 in this great state. 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 whether it be my annual physical, lab orders, health screenings or prescription(s). They also refer me to other competent providers and specialists when appropriate. In addition, they teach me about diet and nutrition, how to stay active, manage stress, improve my sleep and become more proactive in my own healthcare. All of these things come together to create a more complete treatment plan for my health and I have never felt better.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,

Keri Ridenour

February 1, 2021

Re: HB2673, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is **Korleen Kraft** and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

I have worked with many types of medical providers, and none have taken the time and shown the care in my health and welfare like my naturopathic physician. 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 in this great state. 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 whether it be my annual physical, lab orders, health screenings or prescription(s). They also refer me to other competent providers and specialists when appropriate. In addition, they teach me about diet and nutrition, how to stay active, manage stress, improve my sleep and become more proactive in my own healthcare. All of these things come together to create a more complete treatment plan for my health and I have never felt better.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,

Korleen Kraft

FROM THE DESK OF

Casandra Maier

February 1, 2021

Re: HB2673, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is **Casandra Maier** and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (Lindsay Wilkinson) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

I have worked with many types of medical providers, and none have taken the time and shown the care in my health and welfare like my naturopathic physician. 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 in this great state. 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 whether it be my annual physical, lab orders, health screenings or prescription(s). They also refer me to other competent providers and specialists when appropriate. In addition, they teach me about diet and nutrition, how to stay active, manage stress, improve my sleep and become more proactive in my own healthcare. All of these things come together to create a more complete treatment plan for my health and I have never felt better.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,

Casandra Maier

FROM THE DESK OF

George Harriman

February 1, 2021

Re: HB2673, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is **George Harriman** and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

I have worked with many types of medical providers, and none have taken the time and shown the care in my health and welfare like my naturopathic physician. 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 in this great state. 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 whether it be my annual physical, lab orders, health screenings or prescription(s). They also refer me to other competent providers and specialists when appropriate. In addition, they teach me about diet and nutrition, how to stay active, manage stress, improve my sleep and become more proactive in my own healthcare. All of these things come together to create a more complete treatment plan for my health and I have never felt better.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. George Harriman

FROM THE DESK OF

Matthew Walker

February 1, 2021

Re: HB2673, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is **Matt Walker** and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

I have worked with many types of medical providers, and none have taken the time and shown the care in my health and welfare like my naturopathic physician. 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. My ND has been a true partner in improving and monitoring my health.

Unfortunately, right now in Oregon NDs are not being fairly compensated for their valuable contributions to healthcare in this great state. 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 through several visits each year, lab orders, health screenings and prescriptions. She also refers me to other competent providers and specialists when appropriate. In addition, she has taught me how to become more proactive in my own healthcare. All of these things come together to create a more complete treatment plan for my health and I have never felt better.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,



Matthew B Walker

FROM THE DESK OF

Lacey Kloster

February 17, 2021

Re: HB2673, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is **Lacey Kloster** and I have been a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and am your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

I have worked with many types of medical providers, and none have taken the time and shown the care in my health and welfare like my naturopathic physician. The level of education, support and competent care that I received helped me move forward with my health conditions in a positive way. I have worked with three different NDs and each has helped me in ways that have lasted long beyond the time seeing them. One helped regulate my digestion while another helped keep me healthy through the devastating time of losing my mother.

Unfortunately, right now in Oregon NDs are not being fairly compensated for their valuable contributions to healthcare in this great state. 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. Unfortunately, my current health insurance does not cover care from NDs and so I can no longer see the provider who has helped me so much in the past. I am frustrated by this unfair discrimination and my inability to get the care I desire.

Naturopathic doctors can manage most of my healthcare needs whether it be my annual physical, lab orders, health screenings or prescription(s). They also refer me to other competent providers and specialists when appropriate. In addition, they teach me about diet and nutrition, how to stay active, manage stress, improve my sleep and become more proactive in my own healthcare. All of these things come together to create a more complete treatment plan for my health and help me to feel my best. I miss this kind of care and hope that it becomes more widely available through fair pay and fair access.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,

Lacey Kloster

Nancy P. Hunter
1507 Pioneer Circle
Forest Grove, OR 97116
n.hunter49@outlook.com

February 3, 2021

Re: HB2673, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is Nancy Hunter and I am a patient of a Crystal Hannan, Naturopathic Doctor (ND), and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

I have worked with many types of medical providers, and none have taken the time and shown the care in my health and welfare like my naturopathic physicians. 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 in this great state. 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 whether it be my annual physical, lab orders, health screenings or prescription(s). 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. All of these things come together to create a more complete treatment plan for my health and I have never felt better.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,



Nancy P. Hunter

FROM THE DESK OF

Nathanael Dodge

February 1, 2021

Re: HB2673, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is **Nathanael Dodge** and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (Rebecca Principe) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

I have worked with many types of medical providers, and none have taken the time and shown the care in my health and welfare like my naturopathic physician. 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 in this great state. 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 whether it be my annual physical, lab orders, health screenings or prescription(s). They also refer me to other competent providers and specialists when appropriate. In addition, they teach me about diet and nutrition, how to stay active, manage stress, improve my sleep and become more proactive in my own healthcare. All of these things come together to create a more complete treatment plan for my health and I have never felt better.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,

Nathanael Dodge

February 1, 21

Re: HB2673 - Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)

Dear Senate and Health Care Committee Members,

My name is **Natasha Mulvihill** and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

I have worked with many types of medical providers, and none have taken the time and shown the care in my health and welfare like my naturopathic physician. 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 in this great state. 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 whether it be my annual physical, lab orders, health screenings or prescription(s). They also refer me to other competent providers and specialists when appropriate. In addition, they teach me about diet and nutrition, how to stay active, manage stress, improve my sleep and become more proactive in my own healthcare. All of these things come together to create a more complete treatment plan for my health, and I have never felt better.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,



February 10, 2021

Re: HB2673, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is **Sheryl Funkhouser** and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

I have worked with many types of medical providers, and none have taken the time and shown the care in my health and welfare like my naturopathic physician. 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 in this great state. 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 whether it be my annual physical, lab orders, health screenings or prescription(s). They also refer me to other competent providers and specialists when appropriate. In addition, they teach me about diet and nutrition, how to stay active, manage stress, improve my sleep and become more proactive in my own healthcare. All of these things come together to create a more complete treatment plan for my health and as a 75 year old cancer survivor I have never felt better.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,

Sheryl Funkhouser

4053 NE 32nd Place

Portland OR 97212

February 3, 21

Re: HB2673, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)

Dear Senate and Health Care Committee Members,

My name is **Bobbie Schrag** and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

I have worked with many types of medical providers, and none have taken the time and shown the care in my health and welfare like my naturopathic physician. 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 in this great state. 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 whether it be my annual physical, lab orders, health screenings or prescription(s). They also refer me to other competent providers and specialists when appropriate. In addition, they teach me about diet and nutrition, how to stay active, manage stress, improve my sleep and become more proactive in my own healthcare. All of these things come together to create a more complete treatment plan for my health and I have never felt better.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,

Bobbie Schrag

February 3, 2021

Re: HB2673, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)

Dear Senate and Health Care Committees,

My name is Matchu Williams and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Physician. I would like to share my experience working with an ND to show the importance of this profession in the delivery of quality healthcare in the state of Oregon.

For years I suffered poor health from a chronic health condition that went undiagnosed for years by my Primary Healthcare Provider team. Despite years of debilitating pain that reduced social interactions to a minimum, limited my ability to engage in gainful employment, and reduced my quality of life, treatment and care to support an engaged, meaningful life could not be provided. It was not *until I received care from a Naturopathic Physician* that I was able to receive treatment that allowed me to address health concerns, rebuild my life, and engage more fully with the community.

It is important that we allow clients, including both individual and group health insurance policies, access to and choice of naturopathic care. This care cannot be provided without fair pay for services received from Naturopathic Doctors. Without fair pay, our communities run the risk losing access to naturopathic care as cost of living adjustments increase. As a transit dependent resident of Oregon's largest city, I rely on having local, nearby access to Naturopathic Doctors and *urge you to vote yes on HB2673 to support fair pay for their services.*

Thank you for your time and consideration of this important community health matter.

Sincerely,

Matchu Williams

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matchu Williams', written in a cursive style.

Portland, Oregon

Name: B. O'Hern, BSN

Date: 2/9/2021

Subject: HB 2673 Oregon Association of Naturopathic Physicians Pay Parity Bill

Dear Senate and Health Care Committees,

My name is Bonnie and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Physician. I would like to share my experience working with an ND to show the importance and value of this profession in the state of Oregon.

- Discuss your positive experiences working with an ND - **K. Oberoi, The time she spends and questions that are asked and given the time to answer.**
- Discuss what you appreciate about working with an ND - **her compassion, and patience.**
- Discuss the value of naturopathic care -**because she view the whole body and not one area. She doesn't prescribe pills unless last resort..**
- Discuss the importance of patient choice in healthcare - **for me it means everything- i never want to been seen my a male physician, i want to choose whom i want to see. I want the choice of a naturalist and if I want a specialist I can choose an MD in that field.**
- Discuss general barriers to care -**there isn't a barrier so much if it isn't urgent and can wait . A naturalist has always been grouped in science and the whole as it works as one. I get less knowledge from a PA who is supposedly practicing.**
- Discuss why you see an ND specifically -**I prefer NP and Naturopathic because of the care they provide. It's not just a service to them they want you as their patient to succeed to get well. To do this via, diet,**

exercise, mental health -because all of this is who we are collectively not pieces.

SIOBHAN M. DALY



SiobhanMDaly@gmail.com
Mobile: 503-913-0976
1804 SE 24th Avenue
Portland, OR 97214

2/2/2021

Re: HB2673, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is Siobhan Daly and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

I have worked with many types of medical providers, and none have taken the time and shown the care in my health and welfare like the naturopathic physicians I have worked with. 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.

I personally choose to work with a Naturopathic Doctor even though my health insurance provider will cover more of my costs if I instead chose to work with an MD. Ironically, our current medical system actually costs our country and system more when I choose to work with an MD who will often focus on prescription drugs and numerous specialist referrals that are "standard practice. It is less expensive for our system when my ND focuses on lifestyle adjustments to achieve similar health goals.

Unfortunately, right now in Oregon NDs are not being fairly compensated for their valuable contributions to healthcare in this great state. 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 whether it be my annual physical, lab orders, health screenings or prescription(s). They also refer me to other competent providers and specialists when appropriate. In addition, they teach me about diet and nutrition, how to stay active, manage stress, improve my sleep and become more proactive in my own healthcare. All of these things come together to create a more complete treatment plan for my health and I have never felt better.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors

Sincerely,

Siobhan

Siobhan Daly

February 11, 2021

Re: HB2673, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is **Robyn Tenenbaum** and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

I have worked with many types of medical providers, and none have taken the time and shown the care in my health and welfare like my naturopathic physician. 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 in this great state. 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 whether it be my annual physical, lab orders, health screenings or prescription(s). They also refer me to other competent providers and specialists when appropriate. In addition, they teach me about diet and nutrition, how to stay active, manage stress, improve my sleep and become more proactive in my own healthcare. All of these things come together to create a more complete treatment plan for my health and I have never felt better.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robyn Tenenbaum". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Robyn Tenenbaum

FROM THE DESK OF

Dr. David Chang, ND, L.Ac

February 1, 2021

Re: HB2673, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is **Aaron Nieman** and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

I have worked with many types of medical providers, and none have taken the time and shown the care in my health and welfare like my naturopathic physician. 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 in this great state. 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 whether it be my annual physical, lab orders, health screenings or prescription(s). They also refer me to other competent providers and specialists when appropriate. In addition, they teach me about diet and nutrition, how to stay active, manage stress, improve my sleep and become more proactive in my own healthcare. All of these things come together to create a more complete treatment plan for my health and I have never felt better.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,

Aaron Nieman

FROM THE DESK OF

Jennie Ehleringer

February 3, 2021

Re: HB2673, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is Jennie Ehleringer and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

I have worked with many types of medical providers, and none have taken the time and shown the care in my health and welfare like my naturopathic physician. 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 in this great state. 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 whether it be my annual physical, lab orders, health screenings or prescription(s). They also refer me to other competent providers and specialists when appropriate. In addition, they teach me about diet and nutrition, how to stay active, manage stress, improve my sleep and become more proactive in my own healthcare. All of these things come together to create a more complete treatment plan for my health and I have never felt better.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,

Jennie Ehleringer

Support of HB2673

To whom it may concern,

As a patient with multiple naturopathic clinics, it is my pleasure to write about their need for equal and fair pay in contrast to MD. I currently suffer from polycystic ovarian syndrome. I started experiencing symptoms when I was sixteen years of age and was not diagnosed until age 21. I saw several MD and OBGYN with the only option being birth control pills. While that did help my symptoms that did not solve my problem. I met with an ND shortly after my 21st birthday and received full bloodwork, ultrasound and multiple visits to determine the prognosis. I was able to go on hormone replacement therapy and now at age 28 I was able have a healthy baby with a low-risk pregnancy. I am currently taking supplements to regulate my PCOS which were recommended by multiple NDs. Naturopathic doctors have similar workloads to MD, deal with insurance in even more complex ways and treat patients with the same quality of care as MD. However, their work is taking a different, and equally important, approach to medicine. This requires just as much knowledge and insight as MD care. Additionally, it is important to note that many ND have extensive student loan debt that they carry and must pay back just the same as MD. Healthcare providers are integral parts of our community and deserve to be paid fair wages that can support themselves and their families.

Thank you for your consideration,

Hillary Rivard

FROM THE DESK OF

Lillian A. Tsai

February 1, 2021

Re: HB2673, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is **Lillian A. Tsai** and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

I have worked with many types of medical providers, and none have taken the time and shown the care in my health and welfare like my naturopathic physician. 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 in this great state. This makes it more difficult for people like me to access and afford to pay for 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 whether it be my annual physical, lab orders, health screenings or prescription(s). They also refer me to other competent providers and specialists when appropriate. In addition, they teach me about diet and nutrition, how to stay active, manage stress, improve my sleep and become more proactive in my own healthcare. All of these things come together to create a more complete treatment plan for my health and I have never felt better.

We exist in a culture that is ridden with disease, huge health disparities and poor health education. Let's change that.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,

Lillian A. Tsai

February 22, 21

Re: HB2673, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is Tara Sonali Miller and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

I have worked with many types of medical providers, and none have taken the time and shown the care in my health and welfare like my naturopathic physician. 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 in this state. 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 whether it be my annual physical, lab orders, health screenings or prescription(s). They also refer me to other competent providers and specialists when appropriate. In addition, they collaborate with me and offer guidance on how to address my diet and nutrition, manage stress, improve my sleep and become more proactive in my own healthcare. All of these things come together to create a more complete treatment plan for my health and I have never felt better or more cared for.

Specifically, I saw Western medicine doctors for multiple health issues and was told they did not know the cause of my problems and it would be impossible to know. They prescribed band aid medicines to address symptoms rather than root causes. In some cases, these band aid medicines, like steroid creams, caused more harm than relief. It wasn't until seeing my ND that I was told I could be part of the solution to finding the root cause of my medical concerns. In less than a year, I discovered root causes, because I had a provider who was willing to work with me and listen to me, and show me how to listen to my own body, so that together we could find the problem, and the solution.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,

Tara Sonali Miller

FROM THE DESK OF
Cheryl Wunder

February 1, 2021

Re: HB2673, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is **Cheryl Wunder** and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

I have worked with many types of medical providers, and none have taken the time and shown the care in my health and welfare like my naturopathic physician. 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 in this great state. 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 whether it be my annual physical, lab orders, health screenings or prescription(s). They also refer me to other competent providers and specialists when appropriate. In addition, they teach me about diet and nutrition, how to stay active, manage stress, improve my sleep and become more proactive in my own healthcare. All of these things come together to create a more complete treatment plan for my health and I have never felt better.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely yours,

Cheryl Wunder

Kristen Poppert
61425 Lana Way
Bend, OR 97702

February 15, 2021

Re: HB2673, Support Fair Pay for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs)

Dear House and Senate Health Care Committees, Oregon Legislature,

My name is Kristen Poppert and I am a patient of a Naturopathic Doctor (ND) and your constituent. I would like to share my experience working with an ND as a medical provider and ask you to please support HB2673.

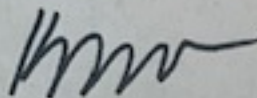
I have worked with many types of medical providers, and none have taken the time and shown the care in my health and welfare like my naturopathic physician. The level of education, support and competent care that I have received has not only helped me move forward with my health conditions, but has renewed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

Unfortunately, right now in Oregon NDs are not being fairly compensated for their valuable contributions to healthcare in this great state. 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 whether it be my annual physical, lab orders, health screenings or prescription(s). They also refer me to other competent providers and specialists when appropriate. In addition, they teach me about diet and nutrition, how to stay active, manage stress, improve my sleep and become more proactive in my own healthcare. All of these things come together to create a more complete treatment plan for my health and I have never felt better.

I am asking you to vote yes on HB2673 and support fair pay for Naturopathic Doctors.

Sincerely,



Kristen Poppert