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to me

"Support HB4006_Lucas_ PATIENT"

I would like to add my voice to the issue of fair compensation by health insurance companies for naturopaths. Just recently I was seen by a General Practitioner, who mistook my viral symptoms for a bacterial infection, and erroneously prescribed me antibiotics. After a month of not getting better and the antibiotic regimen unsuccessful, I reached out to a naturopath who listened--truly listened--to my story of what boiled down to a common cold that I was not recovering from. She prescribed me a simple regimen of vitamins. I started feeling better within days.

This simple story illustrates that naturopaths are science-based practitioners who have an incredibly important impact on the health of our community. Their work, of equal value to that of other healthcare practitioners, deserves to be fairly compensated by insurance companies.

-Greg Lucas, Portland