

Dear Representatives,

Respected Members of the Oregon House Health Care Committee,

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It is very important to me that I am able to choose naturopathic care and to rely upon my Naturopathic Doctor to guide my healthcare. It is essential that I be able to utilize my health insurance plan to access that care.

My health insurance plan pays my ND significantly less for doctor visits that provide meaningful time and attention to my care. Not everyone can afford to pay out of pocket for their care and also afford health insurance to protect against major medical expenses.

My doctor deserves to be paid fairly, and my access to naturopathic care utilizing health insurance needs to be preserved.

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Please VOTE YES! on HB 4006.

Most Sincerely,

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