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Please vote "Yes" for HB3439 to approve pay parity for natural-pathic doctors.

They deserve to be paid fairly for their services and on par with "traditional" Western medical professionals. Because someone chooses to practice a medicine that is more focused on whole-body healing and puts natural medicine over manufactured prescriptions should not mean that they are treated or paid less. As someone who was not getting any answers from "traditional" doctors and specialists, I turned to an ND who spent the time listening to my history and complaints and was able to diagnose me. We worked together to target my issues and, after a few months, I saw vast improvements in my health. I recently developed Lyme disease and my practice has a specialist who focuses on Lyme and other specialized illnesses that are hard if not impossible to find a specialist in a general practice. Their inability to be paid fairly means they are forced to not accept most insurances. This limits the people they can treat and unfairly puts a burden on the patient to decide to find a doctor that will take their insurance but not be able to focus on their individual needs. If insurance recognizes NDs and their practice, then we should enforce that they be paid equitably as any other doctor would be.