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I support HB 3439. I will likely have to close my naturopathic medical practice of 23 years if this bill does not pass. I have many patients who cannot access medical care and rely on me and the other naturopaths in my office for primary care. We continue to accept half the amount that other providers receive for the same work. The alternative is to stop accepting insurance which then means that our patients will no longer be able to continue to receive care. Our costs have doubled in the past ten years and our reimbursement is no longer sustainable.

The bottom line is that we are licensed to provide primary care to patients in Oregon and should be reimbursed like other primary care providers in the state.

Please support HB 3439.

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