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On Behalf Of:
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3439

I am writing to express my strong support for HB3439 and to share how naturopathic medicine has transformed my life. For years, I struggled with baffling digestive symptoms that left me feeling helpless and exhausted. Despite numerous tests and conventional treatments, I continued to suffer without clear answers or relief. It wasn't until I sought care from a naturopathic physician that my health finally began to improve.

Through a holistic approach that addressed my diet, lifestyle, and underlying imbalances, my naturopathic doctor was able to uncover the root cause of my issues and provide a treatment plan that worked. I have regained my energy, my symptoms have dramatically decreased, and my overall quality of life has improved in ways I never thought possible.

Unfortunately, despite providing critical healthcare services, naturopathic physicians are not reimbursed equitably under Oregon's Medicaid system. This disparity threatens access to the very care that helped restore my health. HB3439 is essential in ensuring that naturopathic doctors receive fair compensation so they can continue to provide life-changing care to patients like me.

I urge you to support HB3439 and advocate for pay parity for naturopathic physicians. Everyone deserves access to healthcare that truly addresses their needs, and this bill is a crucial step toward making that a reality.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,