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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 access to naturopathic primary care has changed my life. I receive my primary care at Grain Integrative Health in Cascade Locks, Oregon, and having this option has been invaluable to my health and well-being.

Before finding Grain Integrative Health, I struggled to find a provider who took the time to listen to my concerns and address my health holistically. Since receiving care from the naturopathic physicians at this clinic, I have experienced significant improvements in my health. Their personalized approach, which combines standard medical care with lifestyle and dietary interventions, has helped me manage my health in ways that traditional care never did.

Unfortunately, despite providing essential healthcare services, naturopathic physicians are not reimbursed equitably under Oregon's Medicaid system. This threatens access to the care that has been so life-changing for me and many others in my community. HB3439 is crucial to ensuring that Grain Integrative Health and other naturopathic clinics can continue to thrive and serve patients like me who rely on them for primary care.

I urge you to support HB3439 and advocate for fair compensation for naturopathic physicians. Ensuring pay parity will protect patient choice, strengthen healthcare access, and uphold the quality of care in Cascade Locks and throughout Oregon.

Thank you for your time and commitment to improving healthcare equity.

Sincerely,
Erica Clauda