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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3439

My name is Charles Oglesby, and I am writing in strong support of HB 3439 as a family member of a dedicated naturopathic doctor. I have witnessed firsthand the long hours, deep commitment, and tireless effort my sister has put into serving their patients, often going above and beyond to provide high-quality care in an increasingly challenging healthcare system.

I have personally sought care from both naturopathic doctors (NDs) and medical doctors (MDs), and I can confidently say that my experiences with NDs have been some of the most thorough, compassionate, and patient-centered care I have ever received. They took the time to truly listen to my concerns, understand my health history, and work with me to get to the root causes of my health issues—something that is often missing in fast-paced conventional settings.

Despite their level of expertise and dedication, NDs continue to face unfair reimbursement policies that undermine their ability to sustain their practices. My [relation] works tirelessly to care for their patients, yet they are reimbursed at only a fraction of what other primary care providers receive for delivering the same services. This disparity is unjust and threatens the viability of naturopathic care in Oregon.

HB 3439 is critical to ensuring that naturopathic doctors can continue to provide the high-quality, holistic care that so many patients rely on. Without fair reimbursement, we risk losing invaluable providers who are uniquely skilled at addressing chronic conditions, preventive health, and patient-centered care.

I urge you to support HB 3439 and help ensure that all Oregonians continue to have access to the compassionate, effective care that NDs provide. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Charles Oglesby