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On Behalf Of: Myself  
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I'm writing as a citizen of the state of Oregon for my entire life. I have suffered many years with health conditions that are well recognized in scientific literature and studies, but not well recognized or treated in allopathic medicine. One of the disease I'm afflicted with is so serious that the CDC is tracking me. I've never been able to receive any kind of meaningful help from allopathic medicine. It has been naturopathic and functional (alternative) medical providers that saved my life and gave me some semblance of one back. The language in HB3042 is dangerous and overreaching. I would make already difficult to access treatments even harder to receive. Most of the treatment from these types of providers are already out of pocket for many of us who need them. This bill is dangerous and overreaching because it has unconstitutional provisions allowing forced medical evaluations without clear evidence.

It allows for discriminatory targeting of naturopathic physicians compared to other licensed medical professionals.

Selective enforcement provisions could silence alternative medical voices.

It also allows for financial penalties & burdens that disproportionately impact small independent practitioners.

The vague and overly broad language could allow arbitrary or politically motivated discipline.

It took me nearly a decade to find a community that could help me with my Lyme disease, mold illness, mast cell disorder, chronic Epstein Barr virus infection, and long COVID. And it was after I exhausted every avenue in the allopathic field. I strongly oppose this bill and its potential to make it more difficult for many people like me who suffer, struggle, and fight to find treatment for our life altering illnesses. I strongly oppose this bill and the potential it has to make it harder for alternative practitioners in the state of Oregon. Who already have a strict set of guidelines set before them. I hope that you will consider these things.

Thank you - Jennifer