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To: House Committee Members on Behavioral Health

From: Brenda McCool, ND

Subject: In Opposition to HB 3042

As a Naturopathic Physician in practice for over 20 years I urgently request that you oppose HB 3042.

My specific areas of concern are the following:

- There is a very real potential for unfounded preconceptions and/or prejudices that may lead to violations with no judicial review process before imposing penalties.
- Blatant discrimination with specific targeting of naturopathic physicians yet no other healthcare professionals.
- Vague language "any other reason that renders the applicant unfit" and "recognized standard of ethics" are clearly subjective. HB3042 fails to provide clear legal guidelines.
- Forced medical evaluations at the practitioners own expense puts an excessive financial burden on practitioners. There is no recourse for reimbursement if the practitioner is found innocent of accusations.

HB 3042 is in clear violation of the 1st amendment, 4th Amendment, 5th Amendment and 14th Amendment. The legal and constitutional violations must render this bill dead.

Oppose HB 3042.

Sincerely,

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