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I have been a naturopathic physician for the past 30 years, as well as the recipient of naturopathic medicine. There are no other group of physicians that I know of that invest their time, knowledge and expertise to the extent that naturopathic physicians do. They actually spend sufficient time with their patients to fully understand the totality of their health. We are dedicated to not only address health problems, but also educate patients so they can maintain good health and prevent disease. For example, we are extensively trained in nutrition, whereas the average MD typically only receives one brief course in nutrition. We have a multitude of therapies we offer our patients that are safe and effective. This is critical to prevent chronic disease and have lifelong good health. Our healthcare system is in crises because of the primary reliance on surgery and drugs that can be life saving, but do little to prevent chronic disease. My patients are so appreciative of the ways I have equipped them with the knowledge and resources to regain and maintain health. NDs are a dedicated group of physicians and also need to be compensated for their services so they have a viable income and practice. Please pass this bill.