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SB1174

Hello, my name is Niki Carr, and I am speaking as a future Certified Nutrition Specialist in Oregon. I urge your support for SB1174, which establishes a clear pathway to licensure for Certified Nutrition Specialists in our state. I have a Master's degree in Nutrition from the National University of Natural Medicine. I am a Certified Nutrition Specialist candidate, nearly finished with my supervised hours and I have already passed the board exam. I currently practice as a Nutritionist and receive referrals from several prominent Naturopathic clinics in Washington County. Allowing for a pathway to licensure for my extensive education and training would allow for my expertise to reach more Oregonians by having the privilege of billing insurance. It would also help me to be able to use my expertise to support myself financially by broadening my job opportunities. Nutritionists are an imperative part of a healthcare team as we promote healthy eating habits, reduce risks from diet-related diseases and improve health outcomes and by allowing more Nutritionists to be licensed, this service becomes more accessible. Please support this important bill and provide a smooth transition for those who already hold a license to continue to serve the public. Thank you for your time and consideration.