

Statement of Stacey Munro  
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Members of the Committee:

My name is Stacey Munro. I am a Naturopathic Doctor practicing here in the State of Connecticut. I also serve as legislative chair for the Connecticut Naturopathic Medical Association.

The CNPA supports the work of this committee as you review the procedures for how scope of practice decisions are made.

We believe the process should be medically based and free of turf battles.

We also believe the system should encourage pluralism in the kinds of treatment and care options that are made available to consumers.

Members of our organization have graduated from accredited Naturopathic Medical School and we've engaged in extensive training and clinical experience. We care about our patients and work closely with them to cover all of the positives and negatives of various treatment options.

Naturopathic Doctors are members of the healing arts profession here in Connecticut. We're proud of that fact and believe we have a meaningful role in play in the delivery of high-quality health care to our patients. Scope of practice decisions are tremendously important in this regard.

As your committee undertakes this review, please be assured of the support for your efforts by the Connecticut Naturopathic Physicians Association. Your committee has a very good reputation for impartiality and bipartisanship in the studies you undertake. We know that will be the case with your review of the scope of practice process.

Thank you.