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Testimony of Helene Pulnick, N.D.
In support of Senate Bill HB5734
February 20, 2013

My name is Dr. Helene Pulnik. I am a Connecticut Licensed Naturopathic Physician and practice in Glastonbury, I am here today to support Senate Bill HB5734.

I am a Professor of Pharmacology at the University of Bridgeport College of Naturopathic Medicine. Pharmacology is a 2 year required course taught at all accredited Naturopathic medical schools in the United States. Pharmacology is a major topic covered in the NPLEX exams and a passing grade of 70 is required.

The 2 year course covers all current drug categories, drugs and disease state, indications, contraindications, drug/drug interactions, drug/hers interactions and drug/supplement/food interactions. Pharmacokinetics, therapeutic window of safety and dosage are also included.

The Naturopathic statutes in Connecticut were created almost 100 years ago, and need to be updated to include licensed Naturopathic Physicians prescriptive authority in Connecticut,

For these reasons, I would urge your favorable action on Senate Bill HB5734.

Thank you.
Dr . Helene Pulnik, RPh., MS, ND.