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HB 5537

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Dear CT PHC Testimony,

Dear Senator Gerratana, Representative Johnson, and esteemed members of the Public Health Committee:

I write to ask you to strongly support and vote in the affirmative to add bill language for the modernization of the CT Naturopathic physician scope of practice to HB 5537. The language needs to be attached to this bill so it can come before the Public Health Committee for consideration. This Naturopathic scope of practice law is 90 years old and has not kept pace with the significant advances in education and training of Naturopathic doctors in the ensuing decades.

I, my children and my grandchildren have naturopathic physicians. My experience since 1984 is that their medical training is the same as allopathic doctors. Please join other states and give naturopathic physicians the scope of practice that they were trained for. It was my naturopath who diagnosed my grandson with lyme disease and this was confirmed by a blood test. She was the first to say that he needed to get a 30 day antibiotic in addition to her supplements, tinctures and homeopathics. Truly, this is complementary and not alternative. We need Naturopaths as much as we need allopathic doctors. Please don't tie their hands. Let them be the wonderful physicians that were trained to be. Thank you.

Thank you for your support and consideration.

Sincerely,  
CAROL ANN LUCIA