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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.

It is my hope that the committee will honor the health freedom of Connecticut's population and allow Naturopathic Physicians the right to better serve and heal their patients. Health Freedom is simply an inalienable right of the people and the professionals who treat them.

It is important to note, by the way, that Naturopathic Physicians boast the same education as MDs, but have even more nutritional education than MDs. In my own personal experience, Naturopathic physicians have picked up where MDs fell short in the treatment of my Lyme Disease, uterine fibroids, and high blood pressure, all cured by Naturopathy before my 36th birthday.

I urge you to expand the treatment options available to those who seek better health for themselves and their families.

Thank you for your support and consideration.

Most sincerely,
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