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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 had acid indigestion which never stopped. My MD gave me pills for the acid indigestion. I went to an ND who gave me licorice to make my stomach feel better then simply told me to stop drinking tea as it was the tanic acid in the tea which was the factor. I was advised to drink only herbal Tea. I did and never have had the acid indigestion since then.

I had had digestive issues for over 30 years with pain in my stomach are if I did not eat every 3 - 4 hours. I went to an ND at Breiner Whole Body Center and through their EAV testing it was found I had gluten intolerance as well as lactose intolerance and was advised to make the necessary dietary changes which I did. I do not get that discomfort any more and what is more important if one is allergic to it gluten it does effect the brain causing depression and contributing to Alzheimer's disease. Gluten sensitivity can cause untold harm to the body if one does not take it out of the diet. None of the countless MD's I ever talked with had any idea of what caused this discomfort even though they performed countless tests.

We need ND to be able to prescribe meds instead of sending people to MDs who don't know what they have been trained in.

Thank you for your support and consideration.

Sincerely,
Joan Thomas