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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.

As a naturopathic physician currently in private practice, an expanded scope of practice would enable me to more efficiently care for patients. It would also provide cost savings to both patients and private insurers by decreasing the need for referrals to primary care physicians for simple procedures that we are trained to perform. This scope of practice change is consistent with naturopathic physician scopes across several states and would improve healthcare access for individuals in Connecticut. Please do consider the modernization of our practice scope. Thanks very much.

Thank you for your support and consideration.

Sincerely,
Maren Cornish