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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- and my family-- have been under the care of a naturopathic physician for decades, and I am a healthier, more vibrant 79-year-old because of it. My doctor (Michael Mendribil, ND) not only addresses the symptoms of whatever brings me to his office, but strengthens my immune response with appropriate herbs, supplements & foods. He takes the time (at least an hour) to listen to my concerns, and, when necessary refers me back to my medical doctor if my problem is beyond the scope of his practise.

I am willing to pay out of pocket for his services, even though a visit to a medical doctor would be covered by Medicare. His insights & knowledge and attention to my whole body & mind are well worth it.....

Thank you for your support and consideration.

Sincerely,
Phyllis Herman