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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.

Expanding the scope of practice will improve healthcare access for the people of Connecticut and will help meet primary care needs likely to be in a deficit with the expansion of care due to the Affordable Care Act. There will be significant cost and time savings to patients and 3rd party payers, and coordination of care will be improved.

It is consistent with ND scopes across states, particularly New England states. Additionally and most importantly to our state, it will enhance education and training for medical student at the University of Bridgeport College of Naturopathic Medicine.

Thank you for your support and consideration.

Sincerely,
Steven Dzik