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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.

My experience with Naturopathic Physicians has been as helpful and successful as with those who carry an MD. I know their training is substantial and they should be allowed to help their patients as much as they can. Having to duplicate appointments with an MD just because the Naturopath cannot write a prescription is inconvenient, inefficient and VERY ANNOYING! It is high time the legislators brought the Ct. Naturopathic physician scope of practice up to date. I urge you to support and encourage your colleagues to support HB 5537.

Thank you for your support and consideration.

Very Sincerely,
Beverly B. Wood