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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 am a naturopathic physician and have been practicing in CT since 2001. I work mostly with children with autism and special needs, specifically addressing issues surrounding their diet and nutrition. I have had multiple instances over the years where a patient needed something that my scope of practice does not currently allow, but I am well trained in performing. It is a logistical problem for myself and the patient to find another doctor willing to perform these duties. Please help allow myself and my colleagues the opportunity to practice as trained, so that we ultimately help improve the health and well being of our patients.

Thank you for your support and consideration.

Sincerely,
Darin Ingels