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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.

For the past 35 years, my primary care physician has been a naturopathic doctor. I credit her with my current good health and am very thankful that at a healthy 64 years of youth, I am not and never have been regularly on any prescription medications.

In a sophisticated state such as CT, I consider it outdated that I do not have free choice to have a physical examination, as required for my job in a public school, be completed by my primary doctor, who happens to be a naturopathic physician licensed by the same state of CT. Just as the practice of medicine has changed over the past 90 years, so has the practice of naturopathic care, and so must the laws governing the scope of naturopathic practice. Please represent my interests with your affirmative vote..

Thank you for your support and consideration.

Respectfully,
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