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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 have benefited greatly from both homeopathic and naturopathic health care for more than 25 years. I fully support An Act Concerning the Department of Public Health's Recommendations Regarding Revisions to the Public Health Statutes and am asking you to do the same. A concrete example of how this bill will benefit both patients and the health care system is that NDs will be able to prescribe insulin to treat diabetes. Other states allow naturopaths to prescribe insulin but Connecticut currently does not. Patients who prefer naturopathic health care have to go to 2 doctors to care for this disease, which is an unnecessary drain on health care dollars. Given that the incidence of diabetes is rising dramatically, more people are coming into the health care system as a result of the Affordable Care Act, and there is a shortage of endocrinologists, it is to everyone's advantage to have more doctors able to treat this disease with the insulin some patients need. Please support this bill! Thank you.

Thank you for your support and consideration.

Sincerely,
Katherine Bade