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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.

I have been licensed to practice as a Naturopathic physician in Connecticut since 1985. In my family oriented practice, I am frequently the primary healthcare provider. At times care becomes inefficient when the need for Vitamin B12, insulin, or treatment for Strept throat necessitates a referral. My colleagues in states with modernized legislation save patients time and money in these simple situations.

Students from the University of Bridgeport, College of Naturopathic Medicine, who preceptor with me, frequently do not stay in Connecticut due to the antiquated practice law.

Please enhance Connecticut's ability to provide optimal health care by attaching the updated Naturopathic physician scope of practice language to HB 5537.

Thank you for your support and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Kathleen Riley