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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 primary care doctor is a ND and he has helped cure my sciatica through accupuncture. No physical therapy, chiropractor or medical doctor could do this for me. Unfortunately, when I had a cold that turned to a virus, my ND could not prescribe an antibiotic. I had to go to a clinic, which cost me close to \$200 so I could get the medication I needed. If my ND had the legal ability to prescribe a simple antibiotic, it would have saved me money and time. I am in full support of this bill being passed and becoming a law.

Thank you for your support and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Kathleen Semeraro