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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.

It's important to give individuals the full scope of naturopathic treatment. Why not expand to except the advances made in the field? While medical doctors are important so are nd's. To me the first step for a patient is to seek natural remedies, vitamins and minerals, and selected proven therapies. Obviously if a person gets in an accident our medical doctors and surgeons do an important life saving job. Their specialists (heart, cancer , etc.) are also critically important.

The bottom line is the human body has a great capacity to heal itself given the direction of naturopathic doctors. Let them be a greater part of the overall health program.

Thank you for your support and consideration.

Sincerely,
Lou Gazitano