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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.

Implementation of Bill HB5537 will:

- decrease duplication of medical services by decreasing the cost and inconvenience to me the patient
- ensure the safety of myself and other Connecticut residents with respect to the potential drug interactions with some natural treatments, such as herbs, based on the extensive education an ND receives in botanical medicine and pharmacognosy
- allow the Naturopathic Doctoral didactic and clinical education program offered at University of Bridgeport to keep pace with the national educational trend at other ND schools

Thank you for your support and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Mark Munro