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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.

With respect,

I request that you attach to House Bill #5537 the desires of the Naturopathic Doctors to expand the scope of their practice. This bill would allow them to serve their patients with the skills they were taught.

In this time of awareness to better health through natural remedies, it is evident to me that we need to support the doctors who are trying to guide their patients to the healing options that offer real solutions. In the Hippocratic oath, doctors vow to "do no harm". It makes sense then to allow the doctors who truly want to give people the most natural solutions, the privilege to serve.

Thank you for your support and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Mary Russo