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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 sincerely believe that the time has come, in particular based on the number of years of education it takes to become a naturopathic doctor, for the state legislators to give them the equivalency of a medical doctor.

It is important to mention, that should this scope of practice increase, I as a patient would not only save money and time, which would lead to a greater convenience as my medical needs would be met by one physician who would look at me as a "whole" person versus just pieces of my body.

Thank you for your support and consideration.

Sincerely,
Nan K. Crowley