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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.

Given the growing popularity of alternative medicine I find it absolutely critical to enable those who specialize in such medicine to continue providing safe and effective answers to those patients in need. Naturopathic Physicians are the ONLY board certified specialists who can bridge the gap between allopathic and holistic care and yet the scope of practice has not significantly changed in 90 years. I urge you to consider allowing licensed ND's the expanded scope to utilize our education and training so that we may be of greater benefit to thousands of patients here in Connecticut. Thank you for your time and attention in this matter.

Thank you for your support and consideration.

Sincerely,
Dr. Vaughn Bowman, ND