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Hello,

As a patient of a naturopathic physician, I believe in and like the naturopathic medical approach. It is important that my Naturopathic Physician and others like him be allowed to have medication prescriptive authority consistent with their current training.

I do not understand why this type of doctor is not able to prescribe medication when prescriptive authority is given to APRN's. My daughter is an APRN and in my opinion she has less field hours than my Naturopath Physician. I have read parts of the Affordable Care Act and understand that soon Pharmacists will be prescribing and dispensing maintenance type drugs for high blood pressure and diabetics. My son-in-law is a Phar.D. Doctor and again I do not understand how his training is more comprehensive than a Naturopathic Physician.

Prescriptive authority to this group of doctors would benefit many people since natural practice medicine when combined with conservative medication offers less medication, less substance abuse and comprehensive follow ups. A person needs to visit many doctors today to resolve a simple problem, since most doctors are invested in specialty medicine, whereas a Naturopathic Doctors practices whole person therapy. Not to mention it takes a long time to get an appointment in a medical setting. Naturopathic Doctors are comprehensively trained to utilize prescriptive medications when necessary and other states have had prescriptive authority for years so why not here in Connecticut?

In the end, I would be better served and I would have the ability to receive more primary care services from my Naturopathic Doctor, thus saving me time, money and costs to my health by avoiding long wait times for medical attention.

I am asking you to support providing prescriptive authority to naturopathic physicians.

Sincerely,

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