Dear Members of the Public Health Committee,

RE: HB No. 6797

I am a patient of a Dr. Jonathan Goodman, a naturopathic physician in Bristol, CT. I believe in and like the naturopathic medical approach and would like my ND, and other NDs, to have medication prescriptive authority consistent with their current training.

I began seeing Dr. Goodman in June of 2014 and have found his training and approaches to be consistent with my overall health goals.

Prescriptive authority would benefit me because I will have the best of both worlds, a natural medicine approach combined with conservative medication therapy when needed, both from my ND. I would not have to bounce back and forth between an MD and my ND. While many MDs willing to work collaboratively with NDs, many are not, so I would be able to avoid that issue. NDs are comprehensively trained to utilize prescriptive medications when necessary and other states have had prescriptive authority for years so why not here?

In the end, I would be better served as I would have the ability to receive many more primary care services from my ND which I would very much appreciate as it saves me time, money, hassle and it is more efficient.

Once again, I ask you to support providing prescriptive authority to naturopathic physicians (NDs).

Sincerely,

Christopher Conway