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To Whom It May Concern:

I am a patient of a naturopathic physician in West Hartford and have benefitted greatly from my doctor's care. While the treatment and counsel has been really helpful, I would like my ND, and other NDs, to have medication prescriptive authority consistent with their current training.

There are several times when I have needed a prescription for an antibiotic or other medicine and would have preferred to see my Naturopathic Physician for this treatment. My Naturopathic Doctor has gone to great lengths to understand my entire health picture and to treat me holistically. With the current licensing structure, though, I was forced to visit the MD/PCP I've selected on my health plan, who knows my overall health picture less well than my Naturopath and whom I don't truly consider to be my primary care doctor.

Giving NDs this prescriptive authority would benefit me because 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.

Please support providing prescriptive authority to naturopathic physicians (NDs).

Thank you,

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