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RE: Bill 6797

I am writing in support of providing Naturopathic Doctors with Prescription Authority - Bill #6797

My family and I have been patients of Naturopathic Doctors (ND's) for almost 10 years. As a business professional and full-time working parent, I have placed significant importance on living a healthy and balanced lifestyle, eating right, and maintaining our bodies' equilibrium. As a result, I have truly come to appreciate and rely on my ND's proactive, holistic approach to our health. Our ND has become our primary care doctor and it has been truly beneficial and life changing for our family.

Prescriptive authority is essential as it will allow us to continue to utilize our ND for high quality primary care services while also combining conservative prescription medication when needed. This would prevent being bounced back and forth between an MD and an ND which is frustrating and inefficient. NDs are comprehensively trained to utilize prescriptive medications when necessary and NDs in other states have had prescriptive authority for years, so why not Connecticut?

In the end, this would provide us a more comprehensive primary care approach as well as being more efficient by saving time, money, and hassle.

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

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. Kontomerkos". The signature is somewhat stylized and slightly blurred.

Elizabeth Kontomerkos