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Dear Members of the Public Health Committee

As a current student of Naturopathic medicine at the University of Bridgeport, the passage of HB 6797 with prescriptive rights language means a lot to me. The majority of the other licensed states have prescriptive rights for Naturopathic Physicians empowering their state medical systems by infusing them with much needed Primary Care Physicians, which is why I joined Naturopathic medicine.

I always wanted to be a family physician, since I was a child, but multiple negative experiences with the medical system at the time led me to seek an alternative. Naturopathic Medicine focus' on preventative and individualized care really impressed me. It is especially well suited to the current environment of medical homes under the Affordable Care Act. It also is more affordable and has less incidence of malpractice suits.

Not only would the passage of HB 6797 allow Naturopathic Physicians to be key players in meeting the PCP shortage, but it would motivate students like me to stay in the state once completing my degree.

As a future physician, this bill would allow me to practice medicine to the full extent of my training as well as open up new educational opportunities.

Thank you for your time,

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