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Dear Public Health Committee,

I am a patient of a naturopathic physician. My naturopath spends more time understanding my health than any other MD I have ever seen. And yet, in order to prescribe me medication, she must connect with my PCP, explain and come to consensus. Some MDs are willing to collaborate, others are not and the added time to go back and forth between my MD and ND is stressful and interferes with my best treatment. 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 ask your support to allow naturopathic physicians (NDs) the same prescriptive authority consistent with many other states that license NDs.

Prescriptive authority would benefit me and my family as we would be able to benefit from a natural medicine approach combined with conservative medication therapy when needed, both from our ND. NDs are comprehensively trained to utilize prescriptive medications when necessary and other states have had prescriptive authority for years, so why not here in CT?

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 is more efficient.

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

Thank you.

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