

Dear Public Health Committee Members:

I am asking for your support in raising bill, HB 5534, an act supporting modernizing and expanding Connecticut's Naturopathic Medical Licensing Act and Scope of Practice.

This bill will allow the prescription of medications by licensed naturopathic physicians in the state of CT. As you know, there is a major shortage of primary care physicians and this bill is extremely necessary in improving access to primary care.

Personally, I have been seeing a Naturopathic doctor for Gyn care for years. She is an excellent diagnostician and gives the most thorough physical exam, but is unable to prescribe needed medications due to the limitations imposed by the State of Ct. Having to see 2 physicians, forces me to incur added expenses and additional loss of time at work.

Vermont, New Hampshire, Maine, Washington, Oregon, Montana, Arizona, Hawaii, California & Utah are states that allow Naturopathic Doctors full prescriptive authority. Residents of Ct. should also have the same access to the best primary care available. Raising this bill is imperative in achieving this. I ask for your full support in raising this bill.

Thank you

Sincerely,

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