

February 14, 2024

Bill No: H7299 Support

Dear Chairwoman Donovan,

I am writing to ask your support of passing this bill H7299 to improve patients accessibility to medical care from licensed Naturopathic Physicians. Passage of this bill is very important to me.

I was ill on and off for many many years with my digestion, and became very ill in January 2021. My medical doctors sent me for the traditional tests, none of which were specific or detailed, and they could not determine what was ailing me. They just told me to take OTC medicines that managed the agonizing symptoms. Then I was referred to a naturopathic doctor by a friend. This doctor did an extensive intake form/questionnaire, met with me and ordered specific testing based on the information I provided in the meeting. I had to pay out of pocket for all the testing. This doctor literally saved me. I was very sick for almost 6 months before I met with Dr. Kaz. Dr Kaz figured it out, I was prescribed natural supplements that healed me. Four months after the initial meeting, I never felt that good in my entire life. I was 66 years old.

Naturopaths do the work that traditional doctors fail to do. They dig deep to find the answers to heal people. And they don't manage people's ailments, they HEAL them. There are many friends of mine who have serious ailments that cannot

afford to see a naturopath because insurance doesn't cover their fees and the testing. Passage of this bill is very important to me, and to many people who will greatly benefit from the expertise and knowledge a naturopath can provide.

Thank you for your consideration.

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