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From: Erika Moore <erikacm12@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 14, 2024 9:42 PM
To: House Health and Human Services Committee
Subject: Erika Moore in support of Bill Number H7299

Dear Chairwoman Donovan,

I, Erika Moore, am writing to ask for your support in passing of this bill H7299 to improve patients' accessibility to medical care from licensed Naturopathic Physicians.

Passage of this bill is very important to me. I have only recently begun my health journey with a Naturopathic Physician, after having had great success with an Acupuncturist, and after being disappointed by lack of attention and answers from my primary care team. After only two consultations with my Naturopathic Physician, I have already received more personalized and quality attention than I could ever have expected. Already, my ND has spent the time to look thoroughly at my labs, and make connections and suggestions, that none of my other doctors have done. I am already on a path to better health and disease prevention.

To pay for this care out of pocket is a stretch for me, especially during these financially difficult times. And I speak from a privileged position, knowing that many Rhode Islanders who need this kind of care cannot afford to obtain it. Insurance coverage for Naturopathic Physicians is a necessity for all.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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