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RE: Support of the Insurance Coverage Bill / Naturopathic Medicine Study Commission Support

Dear Chairwoman Donovan, I Jessica Pereira am writing to ask for your support of 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 as a person who suffers from chronic pain and chronic inflammation. Naturopathic medicine has been the ONLY way I have been able to get back to normal life.

As a Mother to one amazing little six year old boy, as a Vice President of Sales for a non-profit who travels, as a Wife, I desperately needed help these past two years to get out of chronic pain to be the best for my family and work place. I have been lucky enough to get back to normal living and this literally would not have been possible without the help of naturopathic medicine.

I have spent thousands of dollars out of pocket to get this treatment and thankfully my corporate job and hard work has allowed me to be able to afford this treatment, however I know so many others who are suffering that simply cannot afford to seek naturopathic treatment to help expedite treatment and identify their root cause to their painful symptoms impacting their quality of life. No one deserves to live in chronic pain without answers each and every day. I be you to consider accepting insurance as this alternative to traditional western medicine as it can help others in need. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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