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**From:** Kat Mazzucca <kmazzucca@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 15, 2024 12:42 PM  
**To:** House Health and Human Services Committee  
**Subject:** Kathryn Mazzucca - Bill H7299

**Bill #H7299**

Dear Chairwoman Donovan,

I, Kathryn Mazzucca, 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. I am a 28-year-old woman who was diagnosed with Crohn's Disease in December 2021. Before my diagnosis, I was a collegiate athlete, fun first grade teacher and lived an extremely active lifestyle. I saw doctor after doctor who just wanted to prescribe me medications that had nasty side effects - weight gain, headaches, increased cancer risk. I wanted my life back! Medical care from Naturopathic Physicians got it back for me. Naturally, I healed my Crohn's disease and I am proud to say that I am close to remission! I am doing so well that I ran a marathon this past November for the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation. Affording Naturopathic medicine has been the trickiest hurdle. Please support the passing of this bill to allow me and others to continue to access medical care from these physicians. I did not choose to have an autoimmune disease, please do not make me have to pay for my high-quality naturopathic care when I pay into health insurance every month.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
Kathryn Mazzucca  
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