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Dear Chairwoman Donovan, I Maria Gianfrancesco 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 caretaker for both of my elderly parents, I have witnessed their suffering over the years, as they are continuously denied their life saving medications prescribed by their doctors by CVS CAREMARK. They do not chose to be on these medications; rather, according to their doctors these medications are medically necessary. In addition to their lack of access to life saving medications, there also exists a significant lack of continuity of care between/among providers, which has caused health risks as a result. Finally, navigating the complexities of various health systems for elderly people is unnecessarily difficult, including advocating for their medications, dealing with insurance claims, ensuring doctors are regularly consulting prior to performing and/or prescribing medications and/or procedures. I am desperate in my attempts to ensure that my parents, and the many other elderly folks who do not have a family member to advocate on their behalf, that they all have access to the best possible care they deserve. I believe our current medical/health systems lack preventive care approaches, creating more illness/suffering. Not allowing people the choice to get ahead of their health, by choosing preventive care, lacks logic!

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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