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Dear Chairwoman Donovan,
I, Michelle Ahlborg, am writing to ask for your support in the 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 recent cancer survivor. I was diagnosed with bladder cancer at the end of May 2023. I went into surgery the first week of June and had two large tumors removed. I was told I needed post treatment. I was told I absolutely needed immunotherapy. I was told my cancer is very fast growing however I refused and I chose to work with a Naturopathic Physician. To date I have had 3 scans and I am clean as a whistle. I was told by the nurse many patients who had the surgery and are doing treatment have already had a recurrence of the cancer. By refusing the treatment and going on the natural path to healing I have saved insurance approx. 600,000.00 and I am just one person. Naturopath doctors are imperative to not only helping to heal but to save healthcare the big ticket costs.
Let's not forget Hippocrates said in 400 BC "let food be thy medicine and medicine be thy food. Esitien wrote "The doctor of the future will give no medicine, but will involve the patient in the proper use of food, fresh air and exercise." How have we got so far from this? Naturopathic doctors are trying to bring us back to that so we stop being such a sick nation. Combining traditional medicine where needed along with Naturopath Medicine will save millions in healthcare costs! Unfortunately Naturopathics Doctors, not being covered by insurance, only allows the wealthy to seek their care.
It is time to bring back natural medicine so Rhode Island can be a healthier state and set the precedence.
Thank you for your consideration.

Be well,
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