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**To:** House Health and Human Services Committee  
**Cc:** Anasa Personalized Medicine; David Kareemo  
**Subject:** Kareemo ~ Naturopathic Medicine Study Commission Support

Dear esteemed members of the Study Commission,

I, Tracey Kareemo, am reaching out to request your support for the passage of a crucial bill aimed at enhancing patients' access to medical care provided by licensed Naturopathic Physicians. The significance of this bill cannot be overstated.

My husband and I diligently pay our health care premiums each month, and while we have utilized a modest amount of medical services, we now find ourselves prioritizing our health as we age. Our investment in our well-being led us to Dr. Kaz, an esteemed practitioner who combines traditional MD expertise with Naturopathic medicine. Under her care, we have experienced remarkable improvements in our health over the past year, evident in our consistently normal blood work results.

However, the financial burden of these visits and the purchase of necessary vitamins and supplements is becoming increasingly challenging to bear. As the expenses accumulate, we are faced with the distressing prospect of having to choose between this invaluable preventive care and the conventional reactive medical approaches we were brought up with.

Furthermore, it deeply concerns us that access to such beneficial healthcare options is often limited by socioeconomic status, affording them to privilege rather than a universal right. This creates an unjust disparity wherein individuals of lower socioeconomic means are denied access to potentially life-changing preventive care.

Therefore, I implore you to consider the far-reaching implications of this bill and advocate for its passage. By facilitating broader access to Naturopathic Physicians, we can pave the way towards a more equitable healthcare system where all individuals, regardless of their financial standing, have the opportunity to prioritize and safeguard their health.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter.

Sincerely,  
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