

## Robert Millerick

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**From:** Mary Beth Kilinski <marybeth.kilinski@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, January 16, 2023 1:37 PM  
**To:** Robert Millerick  
**Subject:** Naturopathic medicine study commission support

Dear Study Commission members,

I, Mary Beth Petrucci, am writing to ask for your support of passing of this bill to improve patients' accessibility to medical care from licensed Naturopathic Physicians. Passage of this bill is very important to me. Without the help of my naturopathic doctor, I would still be experiencing a myriad of debilitating symptoms (joint pain, fatigue, recurring bouts of hives, crushing headaches, stomach pain, and brain fog). Though my traditional primary care physician was thorough and diligent, she was not able to solve what my naturopathic provider was able to uncover, and with much gratitude I can say I have been symptom free for months.

I know I took longer than I should have to secure naturopathic services due to the significant cost to me as a patient. It is critical that these well- trained providers be given the opportunity to stand with other insurance-based providers as they offer such invaluable care to the community; it should not be reserved for those who can afford it out-of-pocket.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,  
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