November 2nd, 2020

The Honorable

Dear Senator/Representative

As a constituent living in your district, I am writing to ask for your support of Indiana Naturopathic Physicians (ND) gaining licensure. There is some misinformation concerning the education of a naturopathic physician. In fact, licensed and licensable naturopathic doctors are educated in the same biomedical sciences as a medical doctor (MD). Naturopathic physicians study holistic and nontoxic approaches to therapy with a strong emphasis on disease prevention and optimizing wellness. Naturopathic programs at accredited medical colleges are science and evidence-based.

Naturopathic physicians are graduates of accredited naturopathic medical universities or colleges. These schools offer four-year, hands-on medical programs consisting of a minimum of 4,100 hours of class and clinical training. During naturopathic medical school, as in traditional medical school, students are educated in the biomedical sciences as well as the latest advances in science in combination with natural approaches to therapy. They also study disease prevention and clinical techniques.

Given the importance of hands-on, clinical experience for naturopathic medical students, the accrediting body for naturopathic medical schools do not recognize degrees from online programs of study. In addition to a standard medical curriculum, schools require their graduates to complete four years of training in disciplines such as clinical nutrition, acupuncture, homeopathic medicine, botanical medicine, physical medicine, and counseling. For at least the final two years of their medical program, naturopathic medical students intern in clinical settings under the close supervision of licensed professionals.

Please, support licensure for naturopathic physicians who can work alongside conventional clinicians. With your backing, licensed naturopathic physicians will be able to provide holistic, preventative care and natural treatment options for Hoosiers reducing the burden on the current healthcare system.

INSERT YOUR EXPERIENCE WITH NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE AS YOU SEE FIT.

Sincerely,

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