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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to ask for your support of House Bill 533 and Senate Bill 470, which were filed in the Florida legislature. This bill would make naturopathy legal once again in Florida and reinstate the license for Naturopathic Doctors (NDs) in the state.

The Alliance for Natural Health (ANH) is a non-profit 501(c)(4) advocacy organization with 26,682 members in Florida. We support natural, restorative and integrative approaches to the maintenance of health and treatment of disease. ANH protects the right of natural health practitioners to practice, and the right of consumers to choose the healthcare options and treatment modalities they prefer, including complementary and alternative medicine. We believe a system that is single-mindedly focused on “treating” sick people with expensive drugs, rather than maintaining healthy people, is neither practical nor economically sustainable.

ANH supports an open and fair marketplace in which consumers can decide for themselves what type of health professional best fits their needs. While many consumers may choose conventional, allopathic practitioners, there are also many who prefer holistic practitioners who apply a different approach to health and healing. Shutting out entire categories of practitioners from healthcare limits freedom of choice and hurts patient care. Importantly, this bill allows both traditional naturopaths and Naturopathic Doctors (NDs) to practice.

It’s become painfully obvious for anyone paying attention that our healthcare system is broken. America spends more money on healthcare than any other nation on the planet, close to 20% of its GDP, yet sits 49th in world rankings of life expectancy and a shocking 80th in terms of healthy years of life expectancy. Chronic diseases—many preventable through lifestyle and dietary interventions—are at epidemic levels and continuing to worsen, exacerbated by a system that prioritizes pharmaceutical interventions over genuine health promotion. Permitting naturopathy in the state is a positive step in improving the health of Floridians.

Contact us to learn more at office@anh-usa.org to learn more about why we support this bill and to answer any questions.

Sincerely,

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