

PLEASE OPPOSE HB1717
A monopolistic Naturopathic Physician Licensing Bill
That Negatively Impacts all of Natural Health

The Honorable Representative _____: _____ 2011
Assembly of Pennsylvania, PO Box 202183, Harrisburg, PA 17120-2183

Dear Representative _____:

I respectfully urge you to **OPPOSE AND DO NOT CO-SPONSOR HB1717 the Naturopathic Doctor Licensing bill that demands exclusive rights to practice naturopathy and the exclusive rights to use the title "naturopath". This bill has broad negative implications for consumer choice and jeopardizes my access to traditional naturopaths and all natural health care practitioners.**

This bill language creates a monopoly and mandates licensure of all practitioners practicing in the area of natural health and makes it a crime for thousands of valuable unlicensed persons to practice their healing arts trades unless they are licensed or regulated by the state and mandated to graduate from a particular group of schools.

I want you to protect my freedom to make **my own choices** about my health care, including the right to choose from traditional naturopaths and all other unlicensed health care practitioners in Pennsylvania. **I do not support unnecessary licensure or other type of registration for unlicensed natural health practitioners** or complementary and alternative health care practitioners that are not doing high risk practices or posing an imminent risk of harm to the public.

Pennsylvania needs a safe harbor health freedom law! Minnesota, California, Rhode Island, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Idaho, New Mexico, and Arizona all have safe harbor health freedom exemption laws!!!! These laws exempt unlicensed practitioners from charges of unlicensed practice as long as they avoid specific prohibited conduct and give out proper disclosures.

This Naturopathic Doctor licensure bill would destroy THOUSANDS of Pennsylvania entrepreneurial traditional naturopathic and other natural health based businesses, taking away thousands more people's informed access to, in many cases, their only readily available source of local complementary and alternative health care information.

PENNSYLVANIA HEALTH SEEKERS DESERVE TO HAVE THEIR OPTIONS PROTECTED!!!

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