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Please support House Bill 266 to maintain the level of naturopathic care that people such as myself have relied upon for years in the State.

After years of health problems under the care of an MD with no improvements evident, I decided it was time to try a more healthful approach. So, approximately 10 years ago, I began using the services of an ND in Anchorage. The ND has addressed my health concerns, (some of which have been life-threatening) resulting in vast improvements, both in body and mind. Although I moved to Ketchikan five years ago, I still travel to Anchorage in order to receive the health care from the ND. I will not go back to an MD unless absolutely necessary for care.

It is time that NDs are given the respect they are due in Alaska. In fact, I would like to see naturopaths be able to prescribe western medication, as well, in the State. Why this State doesn't recognize that NDs are able to provide the same skill set as an MD is beyond me. How sad that government feels the need to control this aspect of my health care.

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