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Subject: Naturopaths

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Dear Legislators:

I have great concern over the requests being made by the Naturopaths, regarding the practice of medicine. They should practice within their scope of practice. They should not be doing procedures that fall into the realm of a surgical practice. They should not be prescribing pharmaceutical medications, that require medical training. They should not be inserting IUDs or implantable contraceptives, which falls in the realm of Family Medicine and Obstetrics and Gynecology. These are lines which they should not cross.

Sincerely,

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