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To Whom It May Concern:

I have lived in Alaska since 1996 and graduated from University of Alaska Anchorage nursing school in 2001. I completed my Nurse practitioner education in 2007. I have provided care for Alaskans for the past 22 years. Over those years my children have received care from naturopathic doctors and I worked in a clinic with naturopathic doctors for the past 16 yrs. I have thoroughly enjoyed and benefited from their care and expertise in all aspects of health.

My patients have always done well and I refer to them in areas of medicine that they have expertise in, as well as general primary care. We have always collaborated and they work well with their medical colleagues. They consult and communicate and get results. Our family of five has needed our share of medicine over the past 20 yrs (cancer, births, surgeries, etc.) The care we receive from naturopathic doctors is fantastic. Their care addresses needs that I am unable to receive from other specialists. I can emphatically say that I am in good health today as a middle aged woman due to their practice of evidence-based medicine.

Naturopathic doctors have medical training and have full scope of practice in other states. In Alaska, we have a shortage of healthcare providers. Nurse practitioners have had independent scope of practice successfully to help meet that need since 1970's. The demand for healthcare is high and more people want preventative and holistic medicine. I implore you to allow naturopathic doctors their full scope of practice (to include prescriptive privilege and minor office procedures) to help meet this need.

Sincerely,

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