

To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Althea Bain Fick. I am writing to urge you to PASS the Senate Bill 2274- Naturopathic Bill. I am a business owner in North Dakota and rely heavily on my Naturopathic Doctor for my primary health care physician. However, I am not able to get any prescriptions from the individual I view as my primary health care physician.

Four years ago, I was diagnosed with a neurological sleep disorder that triggered other issues in my life that requires me to have a primary physician, to be able to have my medication prescribed to me. This now means that I have my sleep medicine doctor, my primary care physician, and my naturopathic doctor. My primary care doctor has to be the one that okays my prescriptions, and nothing else.

My naturopathic doctor continues to prove she is competent, confident, trustworthy, and very thorough. She takes the time to educate me about disease prevention, and explain all possible treatment options as well as their associated benefits or risks.

Under the states current practice, Naturopathic Doctors cannot dispense pharmaceuticals, which is a huge disadvantage to me as I need to make additional appointments only to get prescriptions.

I think it is only right that you pass this bill to give individuals in North Dakota the right to choose to see one doctor and not numerous which continues to cost more money, and well as longer wait times when making appointments. Choose to PASS this bill and choose medical freedom for your constituents.

Sincerely,
Althea Bain Fick