

SB# 2274 Naturopathic Scope Bill
Ryan Hill Defender
Senate Human Services Committee
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Dear Chairwoman Lee and Members of the Senate Human Services Committee,

Thank you all for the opportunity to discuss our support of SB#2274. My wife, Cheyenne, is originally from Dunseith, ND and is an enrolled member of the Turtle Mountain Band of Chippewa. I grew up in Lewes, DE but during my time in the military I was stationed in Grand Forks AFB, ND. Cheyenne and I currently live in Phoenix, AZ, where we are furthering our education and career experience, but we love North Dakota and look forward to returning.

Cheyenne currently works as an RN, with an end goal of becoming an OBGYN and I am completing necessary coursework to allow me to pursue joint Doctor of Chiropractic/Doctor of Naturopathic Medicine degrees. Our dream is to return to North Dakota and establish ourselves in the rural healthcare setting, focusing on the Indigenous population.

We recognize that my ability to establish and practice effectively within rural North Dakota, and specifically within the underserved Indigenous communities, will be impaired without having a full scope of practice in which to perform my duties. We have much to offer to the communities we are passionate about. We hope that North Dakota's lawmakers will realize how important removing restrictions on perfectly qualified healthcare professionals is. If we truly want to impact the healthcare provider shortage in North Dakota, allowing naturopathic doctors to be fully functional care providers is a great step forward! Thank you very much for taking the time to read this recommendation.

I ask that you recommend a DO PASS on SB# 2274.

Thank you,

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