



*Federation of  
Naturopathic Medicine  
Regulatory Authorities*

March 24, 2020

**TO:**

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi; The Honorable Mitch McConnell;  
The Honorable Kevin McCarthy; The Honorable Charles Schumer

**RE: Potential Aid for Naturopathic Doctors and Organizations Impacted  
by Coronavirus (COVID-19)**

Dear Speaker Pelosi, Senator McConnell, Congressman McCarthy, and Senator  
Schumer:

The mission of the Federation of Naturopathic Medicine Regulatory  
Authorities (FNMRA) is to protect the public by connecting regulatory  
authorities and promoting standards of excellence in the regulation of  
naturopathic medicine.<sup>1</sup>

We are aware that the Trump Administration and Congress are considering  
measures to support cash-flow assistance amid the COVID-19 outbreak, and  
we **urge that licensed naturopathic doctors and their tax-exempt entities  
(clinics, academic institutions and other organizations) be included in  
any temporary or other aid designed to stem the economic fallout  
resulting from COVID-19.**

Inclusion in the bill wording will provide support for naturopathic doctors  
(NDs) who are primary care providers that have an important role in helping  
American citizens cope with the ongoing pandemic and its aftermath. Many  
naturopathic doctors are small-business owners or work as independent  
contractors. Most are being required to close down their businesses as they  
comply with the need for social distancing to stem the spread of the virus.

Many naturopathic organizations such as federally recognized academic  
institutions, research institutes, public education and community health  
forums, and other service organizations are already profoundly impacted.  
Support for these naturopathic professional organizations will ensure future  
healthcare service for Americans who use naturopathic medicine to improve  
and maintain their health.

**The FNMRA urges you to:**

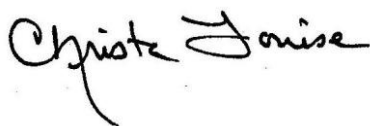
**1) Explicitly include support for licensed naturopathic doctors and their  
clinics, and academic, research and other organizations in the economic  
stimulus or relief package** currently being negotiated by congressional  
leaders and the White House, as well as in future relief packages.

**2) Explicitly include any naturopathic professional associations, nonprofits and other tax-exempt organizations and their workers for support in any federal aid packages or supplemental appropriations measures,** as many of these organizations have been and will be harmed by event cancellations due to quarantining, social distancing and other public health measures. Financial impacts from COVID-19 stem from class cancellations, project stoppage, unexpected costs, and reduced meeting attendance and education programming and trainings.

Thank you for the opportunity to share our concerns. We hope this letter, and any future dialogue between the Federation of Naturopathic Medicine Regulatory Authorities and Congressional leaders, will benefit all Americans.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director of Federation of Naturopathic Medicine Regulatory Authorities

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- 1. The FNMRA supports new and existing regulatory organizations in fulfilling their statutory obligations to regulate the profession in the interest of public protection. The FNMRA envisions a coordinated regulatory system for naturopathic medicine throughout the United States. The members of the FNMRA are composed of state naturopathic licensing/registration boards and committees.*