



Federation of
Naturopathic Medicine
Regulatory Authorities

September 15, 2015

The State House
1 Boston MA
01233

RE: Support for HD 1992/ SD 1205: An Act Establishing a Board Registration in Naturopathy

Dear Massachusetts Lawmakers and Members of the Administration:

I am writing to ask for your support of HD 1992/SD 1205. This bill to license naturopathic doctors is integral to the promotion of safe naturopathic practice in Massachusetts.

Massachusetts has many practitioners of alternative medicine. Some of these practitioners identify themselves as being qualified to provide naturopathic medical care, but they have little formal training and may pose a threat to the safety of your constituents. The establishment of a regulatory authority such as the proposed Board of Registration would provide a means to initially ensure that naturopathic doctors have the necessary training and knowledge to be safe practitioners, and then to monitor registrant activity and implement disciplinary action if needed.

The Federation of Naturopathic Medicine Regulatory Authorities (FNMRA) is here to support regulatory authorities in their protection of the public by facilitating communication among regulators of naturopathic medicine in North America. We support passage of this legislation, and we would like to offer our support to the Board of Registration when it is set up.

As a member of the Massachusetts legislature, you are a champion of public safety. Your vote for House 1992 & SD 1205 will show your acknowledgment of this trust by protecting your constituency from fraudulent naturopathic practitioners who can cause harm.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call me on my mobile at 503-869-5888.

Sincerely,

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