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Dear Committee Representatives:

It is a great pleasure to be invited here today to provide my comments to House Bill 1717. As I was instructed to keep my remarks very brief, I feel that I should provide a little background on who I am and what I do so that you can have a better understanding of why I oppose this proposed legislation. I am a Former Professor of Nutrition at Central Pennsylvania College, a Former Student Group Advisor at Penn State University, a Seminal Lectures and Instructo on Natural Health as well as a published author of numerous articles, journal reports, and books on Natural Health with my latest publication scheduled for a January 2012 release. I am also one of only three Naturopaths on the East Coast who specialize in teaching, researching and writing on Reams Biochemistry. A small business owner since 1975, and all of this in addition to being a trained Traditional Naturopath and a Natural Health Consultant, with offices in both The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the State of North Carolina.

In regards to House Bill 1717, there are numerous items that I feel would be of detriment and irreparable damage to the citizens of The Commonwealth. To start with this bill would drastically reduce natural health care options for

consumers. Currently there are approximately 300 Traditional Naturopaths with N.D. professional degrees in Pennsylvania and large numbers of complementary and alternative natural health care practitioners providing options for consumers. There are approximately only 30 naturopathic doctors who would qualify for licensure under this proposed legislation. If this legislation would pass, that would put several hundred small businesses and employers out of business. From an economic standpoint, I feel that greater harm would be inflicted on the citizens by loss of health care options and loss of businesses with the proposed legislation as written than would benefit. In addition, this would eliminate the Freedom of Choice for the citizens that are so dearly advocated in both the United States Constitution and The Pennsylvania Constitution. In addition to the issue at hand, one has to look at the possibility of Anti-Trust Law Violations.

In regards to specific wording in this proposed legislation, there would appear to be some sort of misunderstanding on behalf of people as to the nature of naturopathy. Naturopathy is not the practice of Medicine. Naturopaths work in the field of Nature and not in the field of Surgery, Pharmaceuticals and related. Nor do naturopaths prescribe and or diagnose any Medical condition. In this proposed legislation, it would appear that the understanding of what is and is not "naturopathy" is greatly misunderstood and this bill would provide for specific individuals to basically be Physicians Assistants who practice allopathic medicine, but that also do some natural health care practices. Nowhere in any dictionary, law book or related is there an understanding that natural is allopathic. Naturopathy is not medical and or any form of Medical Services.

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In addition, this proposed legislation would umbrella the Naturopaths under the control of the Pennsylvania Medical Board. Considering the fact that medical practitioners are not generally trained in the natural health care practices or naturopathy, a massive discrepancy of understanding and training on specific subjects, modalities and scope of practices would be experienced and it could, over time, lead to the medicalization of naturopathy itself.

This proposed legislation lists modalities that would be permitted, even though they are not natural or naturopathic modalities; examples are venipuncture, blood drawing, radiography and radiographic imaging, bio-identical hormones, pharmaceutical prescription privileges and even surgery. All of those modalities are allopathic and not natural.

With this stated. I feel as a citizen of the Commonwealth, a Traditional Naturopath, a taxpayer and a business owner that a greater harm would result to the Commonwealth if the committee voted to approve this legislation than the benefit that would be achieved. What I would like to see proposed to help the Citizens of this Commonwealth is a Health Freedom Bill like those passed in other states that would provide for greater freedoms of choice, easier access to all competent providers and would actually increase business, employment and revenue for The Commonwealth.

Therefore, I honorably would request that this committee vote to not proceed with House Bill 1717.

Thank you for your time and as I was instructed to keep my time in front of you brief, I will be honored to answer any questions the individual committee members may have after this hearing.

Respectfully submitted,

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