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Hon. Curren Price, Chair
Senate Business, Professions, and Economic Development Committee
State Capitol, Room 2059
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Senator Price,

On behalf of the Naturopathic Medical Committee, it is with great pleasure and gratitude that I present the Report to the Senate Business, Professions, and Economic Development Committee 2012 Sunset Review. Pleasure, because I have personally witnessed the tremendous growth of the Naturopathic Medical profession from its infancy in California (I attended its "birth" as a co-founder of the California Association of Naturopathic Physicians in 1986) to its current state as a licensed, regulated profession of dedicated doctors able to safely serve the citizens of California. Gratitude, for the incredible support and guidance your Committee staff has provided us over many years as we have learned the ways of government and regulation in Sacramento.

Further gratitude goes to our previous Naturopathic Bureau chiefs, our past Advisory Council Members for their thousands of hours of selfless service, our Naturopathic Medical Committee members, past and present, to the Osteopathic Medical Board, to the Legislature for providing the means for licensing and regulation, to three Governors who have all understood the importance of providing safe and effective medical options to their citizens, to the over five hundred Naturopathic Doctor licensees who work vigorously to improve the health of their California patients, and finally, our one and only Executive Officer, Francine Davies, whose tireless attention to the details of administering the Business and Professions Code as it pertains to Naturopathic Doctors allows the profession to successfully serve the citizens of California.

Your favorable consideration of this Report will be greatly appreciated, and we look forward to working together in the future, especially as we approach the filing of our NEXT Sunset Review Report.

Yours in health,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David R. Field".

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