



LEGISLATIVE ALERT



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**YOUR NATURAL HEALTH
FREEDOM AT RISK**

**IMMEDIATE ACTION
NEEDED**

Dear Friend,

The Colorado House of Representatives is considering House Bill 1175 by Representative Kathleen Curry, D-61, which endangers the future of naturopathy. The bill seeks to register "naturopathic doctors," who went to schools in Washington, Oregon, Connecticut, or Arizona, and then moved to Colorado. These four schools teach what they call "naturopathic medicine," which involves the use of prescription drugs, the use of surgery, and flies in the face of what Benedict Lust intended when he developed the practice of naturopathy.

This letter is to alert CNH members and interested persons. **You can make a big difference by calling and e-mailing the members of the House Committee on Health and Human Service using the enclosed contact sheet and asking them to OPPOSE HB 1175, the bill to register "naturopathic doctors," when it comes up for a hearing on Thursday, February 12, 2009.**

What would happen, if Colorado enacts this bill? "Naturopathic doctors" would be granted an exclusive scope of practice primarily involving natural and non-invasive preventive care, but also including injections, use of anesthetics, and some surgical procedures -- without the medical background that comes with hospital internships, residencies and traditional allopathic and osteopathic medical school training. These "naturopathic physicians" could get licensed to diagnose, treat and prevent human health conditions, injury and disease.

By contrast, the overwhelming majority of traditional natural healers such as yourself -- who favor natural and non-invasive preventive care, based on educating clients how to maintain healthy lifestyles, and who pose no threat of harm to anyone -- **would have to either abandon your chosen career or face the threat of being fined and put out of business. This monopolistic, exclusionary legislation is bad news for natural health and for the citizens of Colorado.**

«First», please take a few moments today to call, fax, e-mail, and write the members of the committee and urge them to OPPOSE HB 1175, the "naturopathic doctor's" registration bill. And remember: this will be a lengthy battle -- the Coalition will be calling on you again to voice your opinion to the legislature. If you have any questions, please also feel free to call us here at the Coalition.

Best regards,

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P.S. Please call (800)-586-4264, fax to (800) 598-4264, or email to boydlandry@naturalhealth.org, any comments from members of the House Committee on Health and Human Services. This information is crucial in lobbying against HB 1175 in Colorado. So that we may alert you more quickly in the future, please send me your e-mail address and/or fax number.

Below is a list of the Colorado House Health and Human Services Committee.

Please call and e-mail as many members as possible. The Colorado House of Representatives maintains a toll free number (outside of Denver), 1-800-811-7647, that will connect you to the legislatures listed below. You may have to make 11 separate calls to register your opposition to House Bill 1175 with each legislator's office.

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