



LEGISLATIVE ALERT



April 21, 2009

**LEGISLATIVE ALERT - CALL AND
WRITE TODAY**

**YOUR NATURAL HEALTH
FREEDOM AT RISK**

**IMMEDIATE ACTION
NEEDED**

The Coalition for Natural Health

Dear Friend,

The Mayor of the District of Columbia is considering whether to sign or veto Bill 18-60 by Councilman David Catania, which endangers the future of naturopathy. The bill seeks to repeal the registration program for naturopaths and leave only the program which licenses "naturopathic physicians," who went to schools in Washington, Oregon, Connecticut, or Arizona, and then moved to the District of Columbia. 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, writing, and e-mailing the Mayor of the District of Columbia, Adrian Fenty, using the enclosed contact sheet and asking him to VETO Bill 18-60, the bill to repeal the naturopathic registration program, before Tuesday, April 28, 2009.**

What would happen, if DC enacts this bill? "Naturopathic physicians" 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 District of Columbia.**

Please take a few moments today to call write, and e-mail Mayor Fenty and urge him to VETO Bill 18-60, the bill to repeal the naturopathic registration program. If you have any questions, please also feel free to call us here at the Coalition.

Best regards,

Boyd J. Landry
Executive Director

P.S. Please call (800)-586-4264, fax to (800) 598-4264, or email to boydlandry@naturalhealth.org, any comments from the Mayor's office. This information is crucial in lobbying against Bill 18-60 in DC. So that we may alert you more quickly in the future, please send me your e-mail address.

Below is the contact for the
Mayor of the District of Columbia.

Please call, email and write the Mayor as soon as possible and ask to
VETO Bill 18-60.

Mayor Adrian Fenty

Executive Office of the Mayor

1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Suite 316

Washington, DC 20004

Phone (311) or (202) – 727-2980

Email Contact Form:

[http://app.dc.gov/apps/about.asp?page=atd&type=dsf&referrer=%5b\\$DSF_SERVER_NAMESS%5d&agency_id=1075&portal_link=hr](http://app.dc.gov/apps/about.asp?page=atd&type=dsf&referrer=%5b$DSF_SERVER_NAMESS%5d&agency_id=1075&portal_link=hr)