

Hon. Premier Robert Ghiz, Hon. Minister of Health Carolyn Bertram, Hon. Leader of the Opposition Olive Crane,

I am writing to ask that you, from your elected position in the PEI provincial government, support the recognition, regulation and coverage of Naturopathic Medicine under PEI's healthcare system.

British Columbia, Alberta, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Ontario and Nova Scotia already regulate Naturopathic Medicine. Naturopathic doctors who live and practice in PEI who are trained in recognized and accredited programs, and licensed through the Naturopathic Physician's Licensing Exam (NPLEX), have no legal status that protects their title of Naturopathic Doctor (N.D.), or enables them to regulate their profession to ensure that a national standard of competency is maintained.

Currently, as an Islander, I do not have access to the healthcare provided by Naturopathic Doctors unless my extended healthcare plan covers this service or I pay out of pocket. As a resident of PEI, I believe it is imperative that all individuals or families have the option to choose Naturopathic Medicine as part of their healthcare and urge you to consider making it available as an insured service once regulated. Naturopathic medicine emphasizes prevention of disease and treatment with natural means, which will decrease health care costs for PEI now and in the future.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

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