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cc: MOA Exec. Director, Amanda Richards
Brian Kaufman, DO MAO president
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Dear Boyd,

Since Pat passed away, I have more time to write you a letter that I feel strongly about. As you know, my daughter Barbara, is a licensed Naturopathic Doctor practicing in Rockport. She has a very good reputation in her community of physicians and patients as do her colleagues.

I don't know if you are in support of the new Maine Osteopathic Association's legislative agenda to limit non-physician practice rights and the use of the term "physician" by non-physician doctors? I hope, that through you, the board is considering this from both sides of the situation.

I continue to be impressed by Barbara's broad scope of knowledge in the general practice area and find that the licensed naturopathic doctor in many cases has superior expertise than the DO. I guess what I am asking the board to consider is that naturopaths in general practice are and could do more to take the rural load off DOs. By limiting legislative changes to update the ND law to be on par with other states like Vermont and Washington, we may be losing good doctors from practicing within their scope of training who would otherwise have practiced in Maine's rural communities.

I am sure my daughter will be willing to speak with you or another member of the board on this matter.

I wish you the best and thank you for your contribution to the Osteopathic care in Maine.

Sincerely,

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