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Subject: Testimony in favor of chapter 6 rule
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Edna Cayford,

The text from the attached one page pdf is pasted below. Please distribute the pdf to all members of the HCIFS committee.
Thank you.

--Ralph Chapman

To: Edna Cayford, clerk
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For my personal health care, I access both medical and naturopathic doctors as well as specialists as needed. My Naturopathic Doctor (ND) on one occasion tested, diagnosed, and treated me successfully to cure a "rare disease" reportable to the Maine Center for Disease Control & Prevention. Upon my own research into the disease, I found that typical medical testing laboratories do not test for it. So I believe it is "rare", not because its prevalence is rare but because typical testing does not identify it. On another occasion, my ND alerted me to a scientifically proven off-label use of a drug that allowed me to eliminate my use of a steroid to control the symptoms of a chronic disease.

I recognize the benefits to me, personally, by accessing the capabilities of an ND professional as an additional avenue to maintaining my health, along with the capabilities of Medical Doctors (MD) and specialists. The provisionally adopted rules will help the worthwhile profession of Naturopathic Doctors as well as their patients.

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