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Please oppose SB 538 (to Amend the Naturopathic Doctor's Act)

I am contacting you regarding SB 538, the scope modernization bill for naturopaths in California.

Naturopathic doctors do not attend medical colleges that provide a medical education that is on-par with that of medical doctors of doctors of osteopathy. Naturopathic education, in general, focuses on non-medical therapies, such the use of homeopathy, energy medicine, and healing touch. This is evidenced in the curriculum hours at Bastyr University, a leading naturopathic institution. Naturopaths who graduated from Bastyr University were required to take 88 course hours in homeopathy, compared to only 55 hours in pharmacology.

Furthermore, naturopaths do not receive clinical training that prepares them to be competent, independent medical providers. Little to no pharmacology training is provided during clinical training. Clinical training takes place at a naturopathic institution. No clinical training is completed within a hospital setting. Naturopathic students typically do not treat acutely ill patients. In fact, naturopaths are known to tend to the “worried well.”

Additional information regarding the paltry naturopathic education and training can be found at [www.naturopathicdiaries.com](http://www.naturopathicdiaries.com).

Allowing NDs to prescribe dangerous medications including controlled substances will endanger the lives of any Californian in their care.

Please oppose SB 538.

Thank you,