



LEGISLATIVE ALERT



July 13, 2009

**LEGISLATIVE ALERT - CALL AND
WRITE TODAY**

**YOUR NATURAL HEALTH
FREEDOM AT RISK**

**IMMEDIATE ACTION
NEEDED**

Dear Friend,

The General Court of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts is considering House Bill 3476 by Representative Jay Kaufman, D-15th Middlesex and Senate Bill 889 by Senator Marc Pacheco, D-1st Plymouth and Bristol, which endangers the future of naturopathy. The bills seek to register "naturopathic doctors," who went to schools in Washington, Oregon, Connecticut, or Arizona, and then moved to Massachusetts. 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 members of the Joint Committee on Public Health, using the enclosed contact sheet, and asking them to OPPOSE HB 3476 and OPPOSE SB 889, the bills to register "naturopathic doctors," when it comes up for a hearing on July 28, 2009.**

What would happen, if Massachusetts enacts this bill? "Naturopathic doctors" 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 *incarcerated* and put out of business. This monopolistic, exclusionary legislation is bad news for natural health and for the citizens of Massachusetts.**

Frank, please take a few moments today to call, e-mail, and write the members of the Joint Committee on Public Health and urge them to OPPOSE HB 3476 and SB 889, the "naturopathic doctor's" registration bills. And remember: this will be a lengthy battle -- the Coalition will be calling on you again to voice your opinion to the legislature. 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 or email to boydlandry@naturalhealth.org, any comments from members of the Joint Committee on Public Health. This information is crucial in lobbying against HB 3476 and SB 889 in Massachusetts. So that we may alert you more quickly in the future, please send me your e-mail address.

Below is a list of the members of the Massachusetts Joint Committee on Public Health. Please call, write, fax and e-mail as many members as possible. You will have to make separate calls, letters, faxes and e-mails to each member to register your opposition to SB889 and HB 3476. To contact them please use the information below:

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