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As someone who has suffered from trauma, both in the form of car accidents (including being hit by a train) and toxic mold poisoning, I have run the gamut of available health care in all its forms. We need them all. But I can say that I continue to be shocked that Naturopathic Doctors are not treated with the respect that they deserve. They have been life savers for both myself and my family when it comes to chronic illnesses and pain that does not respond to the standard MD treatments.

My family and multiple others that I have seen continue to make wrong choices for their health care because insurance will not cover the care that would help them out of their ongoing issues. It was life and death for my family when we almost died from toxic mold. In my 30's I had four specialists and was on 8 drugs and still slowly dying. I had to make two trips out of the country to American Medical doctors who were practicing in another country because the FDA and insurance would not allow them to do the things that could heal us. It almost bankrupted my family but me and my children are alive today because of that choice.

To be one of the wealthiest countries in the world with one of the worst chronic health care is a shame that we should all be working to change. Licensing Naturopaths would be a step in the right direction. Please do all you can to see that this happens.

Sincerely,  
The Entire Hochstetler Family