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2009-10

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Committee on ... Public Health, Senior Issues, Long-Term Care, and Job Creation (SC-PHSILTCIC)

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### **Senate**

## **Record of Committee Proceedings**

# Committee on Public Health, Senior Issues, Long-Term Care, and Job Creation

#### Senate Bill 115

Relating to: licensure of dietitians and requiring the exercise of rule-making authority.

By Senators Vinehout, Carpenter, Lehman, Taylor and Plale; cosponsored by Representatives Pasch, Hebl, Danou, Spanbauer, Fields, A. Ott, Zepnick, Soletski, Richards, Suder and Lothian.

March 13, 2009

Referred to Committee on Public Health, Senior Issues, Long-Term Care, and Job Creation.

#### September 17, 2009 PUBLIC HEARING HELD

Present: (4)

Senators Carpenter, Vinehout, Schultz and

Kapanke.

Absent:

(1) Senator Coggs.

#### Appearances For

- Sandy Pasch, Whitefish Bay Rep.
- Kathleen Vinehout, Alma Sen.
- Lynn Edwards, Sparta Wi. Dietetic Assoc.
- Gail Underbakke, Madison
- Karen Lagey, Green Bay ADA & WDA
- Susan Kasik-Miller, Eau Claire
- Rosalyn Haase, De Pere Wi. Dietetic Assoc.
- Cynthia Frownfelker, West Bend Children's Hospital of Wisconsin

#### Appearances Against

- Mary Williams, Medford Rep.
- Dona Meyer, Madison
- Marcia Simler, Monroe
- Katy Wallace, Madison Human Nature. LLC
- Steve Lankford, Suamico
- Karen Hurd, Fall Creek
- Dennis Drinkwine, Milwaukee
- Marvin Johnson, Menomonee Falls Wi. Health Freedom Coalition
- Kevin Branham, Eagle River Dr., WHFC

- Charlene Watters, Pewaukee
- Lynn Thompson, Osseo
- Diane Klein, St. Francis Kanyakumari Ayurvedic School
- Susan Bargndreat, Viroqua
- Tami Wahl, Washington Am. Assoc. for Health Freedom
- Kimberly Luckey, Chetek
- Joseph Plasterer, Madison
- Pat Scheckel, Madison
- Karen Boeselager, Eau Claire WHFC
- Elizabeth Slack, Chippewa Falls WHFC
- Janet McLean, Eau Claire WHFC
- Rebecca Voctmann, Fall Creek WHFC
- Tom Christopherson, Eau Claire
- Candice Schreiner, Eau Claire WHFC
- Eugene Mechelke, Gillman WHFC
- Jean Arneson, Cabott
- Cindy Donnelly, Eau Claire WHFC
- Drew Detzner, Wauwatosa
- John Petek, Brookfield
- Marilyn Formella, Hales Corners WHFC
- Denny Dodge, Ellsworth WHFC
- Ashley Althoff, Eau Claire WHFC
- Marilyn Butterfield, Ladysmith
- Ruth Hurd, Fall Creek
- Louise Driver, Chetek
- Terry Stuve, Cadott WHFC
- Lisa Kundel, Eau Claire WHFC
- Sandra Bruesewitz, Owen WHFC
- Martin Tlachac, Chippewa Falls
- Kayleen Soden, Eau Claire WHFC
- David Luepke, Edgar
- Gwendelyn Mantell-Williams, Merrill WHFC
- Bee Teixeira, Green Bay
- Boyd Landry, Washington The Coalotion for Natural Health
- Karen Stoehr, Green Bay
- Gail Kopin, Lake Geneva Dr.
- Joanna Hanson, De Pere Healthy Horizons
- Scott Vandenhartson, Wales Scandard Process Inc.
- Ron Will, Lake Geneva
- Colleen Calwy, Cambridge Super Natural Dist.

#### Appearances for Information Only

• None.

#### Registrations For

- Jeff Plale, South Milwaukee Sen.
- Brenda Sulok, Wauwatosa
- Yvonne Greer, Milwaukee
- Michelle Smith-Beckley, Waterford
- Jodi klement, Muskego
- Heather Ryan, Wauwatosa
- Toni Schlickman, Wauwatosa
- Lisa Stark, Kanasville
- Joan Pleuss, Milwaukee
- Judy Lopez, Milwaukee
- Michael Welsh, Madison Schoo Nutrition Assoc. of Wisconsin
- Michael Welsh, Madison W.Assoc. of Local Health Depts. and Boards
- Michael Welsh, Madison Wi. Public Health Assoc.
- Luke Rollins, Madison American Heart Assoc.
- Patti Cobb, Brownsville WDA
- Amy Kulwicki, New Berlin WDA
- Jessica Grutzmacher, West Allis WDA
- Susan Batchelder, WhiteFish Bay WDA
- Karen Parker, Waukesha WDA
- Karen Knudson, Wauwatosa WDA
- Wendy Sampson, Franklin WDA
- Caitlin Rondello, Watertown WDA
- Kathryn Pollock, Milwaukee WDA
- Raina Roeder, West Allis WDA
- Melissa Hirsbrunner, Milwaukee WDA
- Leonora Young, Wauwatosa WDA
- Mike Hauan, Milwaukee
- Sarah Vermilyea, Milwaukee
- Jody Cooley, Waukesha
- Jennifer Neubauer, Pewaukee
- Ruhit Rao, Pewaukee
- Alisa Carlson, Milwaukee
- Scott Hagen, Madsion
- Jonathan Buechler, Milwaukee
- Paula Welch, Franksville
- Joseph Cava, Milwaukee
- Nicole Hunker, Wauwatosa
- Michelle Michelson, Muskego
- Stacy Schoemann, Milwaukee
- Evelyn Torres, Milwaukee CHW
- Mary Beth Emmer, West Bend WDA

- Dan Ramsey, Middleton WDA
- Chris Kent, madison
- Sarah Zangerle, Muskego
- Brenda Burke, Madison
- Amy Meihen, DeForest
- Constance Walch, Monona
- Jim McGinn, Madison Wi. Health Care Assoc.
- Michelle Buchanan, Madison Wi. Society of Certified Acupuncturists
- Karen Gonzalez, Milwaukee
- Amy Ramsey, Middleton WDA
- Judith Stadler, Fitchburg WDA
- Marge Morgan, Madison
- Jane Dunn, Madison UW Hospital & Clinics
- Lisa Davis, Middleton WDA
- Peter Crump, Middleton
- Lynne Kurz, Oconomowoc WDA
- Margie Lowe, Franklin WDA
- Thomas Mader, Cottage Grove
- Ann Mader, Cottage grove WDA
- Christina Lemon, Middleton WDA
- Betty Hollaway, Brookfield
- Margaret Pfeifler, Brookfield
- Kathy Grzendzielewski, New Berlin
- Sandra Sell, West Allis
- Erin Murphy, Wauwatosa
- Karen Ostenso, Altoona WDA
- Elizabeth Spencer, Eau Claire
- Julia Craig, Richland Center
- Carly Leon, Oak Creek Childrens Hospital of Wisconsin
- Leslie Fijalkiewicz, Chetek
- Robyn Verschay, Owen
- Joanne Grensing, Cameron Barron County
- Patricia Rawkins, Eau Claire
- Angela Edlbeck, Brookfield Children's Hospital of Wisconsin
- Kris Soper, Oshkosh UWEX
- Leanne Widen, Cottage Grove WDA
- Marjorie Rettler, Green Bay WDA
- Katy Maas, Watertown WDA
- Bev Hildebrandt, Waunakee
- Linda Brehn, Unity
- Kazoua Thao, Milwaukee
- Juana Maldonado, Wauwatosa

- Cathy Gruber, Pewaukee WDA
- Becky Marlin, New Berlin WDA
- Jane Runnels, Muskego WDA
- Linda Dastling, Madison WDA
- Laura Anderson, New Glarus
- Julie Friedman, Pleasant Prairie
- Virginia Thiesenhusen, Middleton
- Susan Nitzke, Cottage Grove
- Julia Salomon, Oshkosh WDa
- Mary Dach, Watertown
- Deb Pulver, Oshkosh WDA
- Carol Titzkowski, Comdined Locks WDA
- John Dunphy, Milwaukee
- Cindy Busch, Lan Caster
- Donna Weihofen, Verona
- Elaine Barnett
- Gloria Eichenseher, Madison
- Marilyn Smith, Madison
- Vicki Brunner, Verona
- Thea Grau, Madison WDA
- Lorraine Brathwaite, Madison
- Duachy Vang, Racine
- Karen Kedrowski, Madison
- Cheryl Horns, Milwaukee
- Mike Glasgow, Wauwatosa
- Ione Meoska, Lancaster
- Michelle Johnson, Waunakee UWEX
- Toni Rogers, Hurley
- Christy Edwards, Sparta WDA
- Diana Pederson, Arsyle
- Terri Lindner, Rhinelander
- Mike Glasgow, Wauwatosa
- Esther Fahm
- Ida Podhora, New Berlin CHW
- Elaine Danner, Waukesha CHW / ADA
- Ctina Ciabattari, Waukesha CHW
- Donna Jamieson, New Berlin CHW
- Stacy Brand, Shorewood
- Emily Montemurro, Kenosha
- Kayley Gamm, La Crosse
- Gretchen Wiese, Stoddard
- Dana Eibergen, La Crosse Wi. RDS
- Carol Klitzke, Onalaska WDA
- Moriah Keiper, La Crossa

- Abbie Willey, La Crosse
- Gina Dolenti, Viroqua
- Matt Neuman, La Crosse Rd
- Anne Reinhart, Onalaska WDA
- Alida Herling, Onalaska Viterbo University
- Emily Zimmerman, La Crosse Viterbo University
- Lisa Maroney, Madison UW Hospital & Clinics
- Brittany Willard, Madison
- Kathryn Lederhause, Madison
- Anthony Zech, Middleton
- Sara Gleason, Madison
- Dean Beckley, Waterford
- Kathryn Pederson, Verona
- Deborah Grenier, Madison
- Joan Ewig, Mequon WDA
- Richard Edwards, Sparta DDS
- Laurine Norstedt, Eau Claire
- Tersa Curtz, Madison
- Ann Rhodes, Waukesha
- Margaret Burns, Oconomowoc WDA
- Vanhali Zala, Germantown
- Jennifer Jones, Brookfield
- Pat Lunerson, Jefferson WDA
- Cecile McManus, Blue Mounds
- Helen Wilding, Verona
- Melissa Eierman, Eau Claire WDA
- Jean Weed, Sussex Wi. Nutrition Ed. Program
- Amy Hawley, DeForest
- Kara Erwin, Madison
- Lauri Rometti, Eau Claire
- C Reiter, Algoma
- Mary Liesch, Abrams
- E Gundlach, McFarland CWAG
- Anoopd Singh, Milwaukee CHW
- Tracy Zembles, Menomonee Falls
- Carole Wegner, Waukesha
- Denise Triscari, Hartland
- Kim Alt, Milwaukee
- Colleen Correlll, Milwaukee
- John Gordon, Milwaukee
- Patty Guszkowski, Wauwatosa
- Michael Meyer, Pewaukee
- Katelyn Lasse, Wauwatosa
- Karen Marcdante, Milwaukee

- Courtney Felsecker, Milwaukee CHW
- Ken Marthke, Milwaukee
- Emily Dix, Milwaukee CHW
- Thomas Triscari, Hartland
- Sadie Braaten, Hartford
- Sarina Garcia, Milwaukee CHW

#### Registrations Against

- John Miksa, Milwaukee The Natural Path
- Genwa Rice, Greenfield Natural Food Shop
- Daniel Clement, Madison
- Eric Hartung, Madison
- John Bell, Menomonee Falls
- Jane Austeny, Baraboo
- Kathy Bell, Menomonee Falls
- Brittany Sunderlage, Adams
- Marcia Sunderlage, Adams
- Suzanne Smith, Jackson Total Health Nutrition Center
- Melissa Kelly, Greenville
- Jayme Malanczy, Waunakee
- Desean Thomas, Pewaukee Natural Food Shop
- Jane Kolinski-Wisner, West Allis
- Joan Janswig, Wauwatosa
- Anne Brady, Cross Plains
- Cornelius Van Denheuvel, Greenville
- Mark Underwood, Madison Quincy Bioscience
- Todd Olson, Middleton Quincy Bioscience
- Jay Johnson, Colgate
- Amanda Johnson, Colgate
- Judi Fiene, Hubertus
- Kellie Glynn, Menomonee Falls
- Mike Bouwmia, Beaver Dam
- Richard Sunderlage, Adams Sunderlage Acupunture
- Kathy Stein, Menomonee Falls
- Naomi Baron, Madison
- Terri Klas, Waterloo
- Anna Forbes, Madison
- Theresa Groskopp, Menasha Natural Healthy Concepts
- Aphl Brady, Grass Plains
- Kristine Stein, Milwaukee Total Health
- Nicole Bell, Menomonee Falls
- Patricia Brady, Cross Plains
- Ken Keen, Shorewood
- Troy Phillipson, Wind Lake

- Dale Lunderville, Eau Claire
- Carol Lunderville, Eau Claire
- Melissa Bauer, Ixonia
- Suzan Maas, Watertown
- Sabrina Henderson, Madison
- Angela Rotterty, Madison
- Chad Yonkus, Madison
- Erin Hall, Madison
- Dona Meyer, Madison
- Daniel Raymaker, Algoma Healthy Horizon
- Susan Klingeisen, Kaukauna WHFC
- Mary McGlone, Appleton
- Emilia Covelli, Racine Ayurveda Kanyakumari
- Lee Pattison, Cedar Grove WHFC
- Richard Waterbury, Sheboygan
- Noreen McGlone, Appleton
- Margie Ware, Appleton
- Joshua Hurd, Fall Creek
- Steve Hurd, Fall creek
- Bernard Rosen, Mequon
- Joseph Siegworth, Milwaukee
- Laurie Hilden, Onalaska
- Jamie Hilden, Onalaska
- Nancy Fielder, Verona
- Marcia Vasilek, Madison
- Joanie Sandberg, Eau Claire WHFC
- Theresa Bergbrader, Fall Creek WHFC
- Amy Scaletta, La Crosse
- Archie Nicolette, Madison
- Jennifer Richard, Madison
- Gayle Dodge, Ellsworth WHFC
- Mildred Bancht, Eau Claire
- Irene Swartz, Chippewa Falls
- Kathleen Michaud, Altoona
- Sue Hazelton, Chippewa Falls WHFC
- Terry Moulton, Chippewa Falls National Nutritional Wellness Assoc.
- Sue Kay Moulton, Chippewa Falls WHFC
- Sandra Edwards, Augusta
- George Ross, Fitchburg
- Jess Will, Appleton
- Christine Riemer, Green Bay
- Bonnie Schwartz, Green Bay
- Allen Teixeira, Green Bay

- Brian Williams, Merrill WHFC
- Rebekah Coopman, Suamico Streu's Pharmacy Bay Natural
- Joanne Bernardi, Madison
- Ann Hearden, De Pere Streu's Pharmacy Bay Natural
- David Briguelet, Green bay WHFC
- Judy Heney, Green Bay Max International
- William Brunette, Green Bay WHFC
- Pat Peters, Green Bay Max International
- Ron Stroobants, Green Bay WHFC
- Barb Dubinski, Menomonee Falls
- Emerson Connelly, Fitchburg Natural Path Center
- Nanai Connelly, Fitchburg Natural Path Center
- Linda Mundt, Madison
- Aavon Aegerfer, Janesville
- Caroline Hoffman, Madison
- Thomas Mateja, Salem
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- Amy Lewis, Racine
- Betty Smith, Madison
- Ruth Skaar, Beaver Dam
- Arlene Wasmund, Lomira New Beginnings
- Virginia Sampson, Campbellsport New Beginnings
- Derek Bachholz, Madison
- Jeff Carroll, Madison
- Sally King, Madison
- Ken Ring, Madison
- Lowell Stuessy, Monroe
- Jerome Danial, Chippewa Falls
- Bernice Link, Chetek
- Sheri Stuve, Cadoww WHFC
- Woody Wallace, Madison Human Nature LLC
- Judith Flanagan-Conger, Madison
- Lyn Rivera, Milwaukee
- Lisa Warner, West Allis
- Pamela Hughes, Wi. Dells
- Julie Brooke, Chippewa Falls WHFC
- Karen Foxgrover, Madison
- Sheli Toepfer, Madison WHFC
- Jon Hinds, Madison
- Amanda Selwoegler-Boos, Madison
- Diane Verkuyler, Madison

#### Registrations for Information Only

• None.

#### April 6, 2010

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION HELD**

Present:

(5) Senators Carpenter, Coggs, Vinehout, Schultz

and Kapanke.

Absent:

(0)None.

Moved by Senator Carpenter, seconded by Senator Vinehout that Senate Amendment 1 to Senate Substitute Amendment 1 be recommended for adoption.

Ayes:

(4) Senators Carpenter, Coggs, Vinehout and

Schultz.

Noes:

(0) None.

Recused:(1) Senator Kapanke.

ADOPTION OF SENATE AMENDMENT 1 TO SENATE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1 RECOMMENDED, Ayes 4, Noes 0

Moved by Senator Vinehout, seconded by Senator Carpenter that Senate Substitute Amendment 1 be recommended for adoption.

Ayes:

(4) Senators Carpenter, Coggs, Vinehout and Schultz.

Noes:

(0) None.

Recused:(1) Senator Kapanke.

ADOPTION OF SENATE SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT 1 RECOMMENDED, Ayes 4, Noes 0

Moved by Senator Vinehout, seconded by Senator Carpenter that Senate Bill 115 be recommended for passage as amended.

Ayes:

(4) Senators Carpenter, Coggs, Vinehout and

Schultz.

Noes:

(0) None.

Recused:(1) Senator Kapanke.

PASSAGE AS AMENDED RECOMMENDED, Ayes 4, Noes 0

Russell DeLone

Committee Clerk

# Vote Record Committee on Public Health, Senior Issues, Long-Term Care, and Job Creation

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# Vote Record Committee on Public Health, Senior Issues, Long-Term Care, and Job Creation

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## **Vote Record** Committee on Public Health, Senior Issues, Long-Term Care, and Job Creation

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James W. Barr W16039 County Road D Chetek, WI 54728 September 14, 2009

Honorable Senator Russell Decker

RE: SB 115

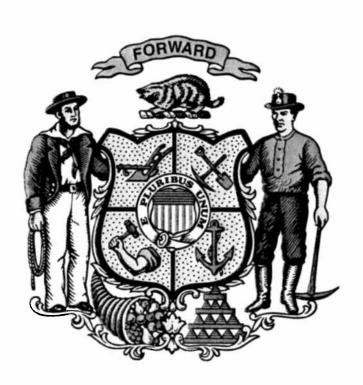
Senator Decker, my wife Charlotte and I are greatly concerned with the SB115 as proposed by the American Dietary Association. This bill, in our view, is both self serving and un-necessary. The bill has been presented as a "protection" for the citizens of Wisconsin, and this could not be further from the truth. In reality this bill is intended to not only restrict our choices, but would eliminate the rights of all Wisconsin citizens to "nutritional counseling" by the best qualified individuals in our state, educated nutritionists.

Charlotte and I are both 72 year old cancer survivors. After the lingering effects of major surgery and chemotherapy, we both sought nutritional counseling from Karen Hurd of Fall Creek, WI, a graduate

lingering effects of major surgery and chemotherapy, we both sought nutritional counseling from Karen Hurd of Fall Creek, WI, a graduate nutritionist. Karen explained to us, in clear and simple terms, exactly what happens in our bodies when we consume food and drinks. I have received dietary instructions at the University of Iowa following cancer surgery, and the results were negative. In contrast, however, the advice of Karen Hurd has brought both Charlotte and I extremely good health, and she continues to council us to this day. We needed more then a diet, we needed a change in life style.

Our decision to become residents of Wisconsin was greatly influenced by the health care available in north western Wisconsin through not only the Mayo system, but also the Alternative Nutritional care available. We respectfully ask you not to limit our choices in health care. Sincerely yours,

James W. Barr Charlotte A. Barr



#### September 14, 2009

Wisconsin State Senate Health Committee Madison WI 53707

RE: Testimony about SB 115

Dear Honorable Senators:

Due to employment schedules I will not be able to testify in person regarding SB 115 at the hearing today, but want to have input in the process.

While there is need to protect the citizens of WI from harmful medical practices, there are many forms of safe treatment that can achieve similar results to traditional medical practices. Outside the mainstream medical community many alternate healers such as Chiropractors, Acupuncturists, Spiritual Healers, herbalists, nutritionists, and the like offer what can be both effective and inexpensive alternatives to people who do not wish to be medicated or cut upon by the medical community.

I was a skeptic of alternative medicines my self but was directed to a nutritional consultant by a friend. I am borderline diabetic and had glucose levels that were going to push me onto medications at my next visit to the M.D. When I followed the advice of the nutritional consultant my blood sugar dropped to acceptable levels with 3 days. A year latter I am still not on medications. This is saving me and my insurance carrier a lot of money every year and I am more naturally healthy than before.

I believe it would be wrong to regulate, or in other ways limit the practice of people whose primary concern is not treating disease, but helping the body heal itself naturally. In the debate over healthcare that is dominating the news, there is little mention of the advantage of staying healthy as opposed to healing the sick.

I would speak strongly against any type of legislation that would limit or regulate nutritional or alternate healers. It would be wrong and would just tighten the stranglehold that the medical and dietary fields have on our free choice in a course of treatment by reducing our options.

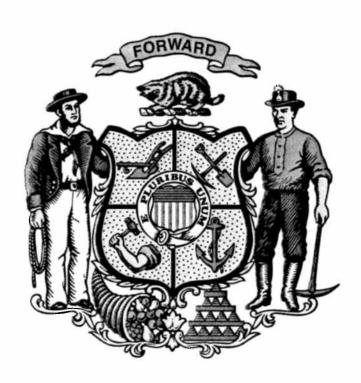
I am not requesting mandatory insurance coverage for these practitioners. The \$125 dollars I spent of my own money during the last year offset many hundred or even thousands of dollars that would have been spent in the medical community treating my condition.

I plead do not take away our right to find health care alternatives that may be right for us. Let us continue our freedom of medical choice.

Kenneth Peterson N4242 US Highway 63

Ellsworth, WI

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#### **ALLISON E. SORENSEN**

6535 Brever Rd. Burlington, WI 53105 262-539-2288

September 14, 2009

The Honorable Neal Kedzie Wisconsin State Senate Room 126 South State Capitol P.O. Box 7882 Madison, WI 53707-7882

Dear Senator Kedzie:

I am writing to urge you to oppose SB-115, the Dietician Licensing bill which, if passed, would jeopardize my freedom to choose alternative nutrition services that are right for me and my family.

I feel the SB-115 will severely limit my choice of the natural, alternative, holistic and traditional care options that I now can choose. I, along with over 40% of all Americans, have chosen to investigate alternative health care options as either a means to address a health issue or as a form of preventative care. I currently am a patient of Dr. Gail Kopin, of Alternative Health Associates located in Lake Zurich IL and Lake Geneva, Wl. Dr. Kopin is a board certified Naturopathic Alternative Practitioner through the Alternative Medical Association and the Association of Drugless Practitioners. I have experienced many health successes with Dr. Kopin by using complementary health care, alternative medicines, supplements and nutritional counseling. I feel that my health and the health of my family would be extremely compromised without our freedom to choose her services.

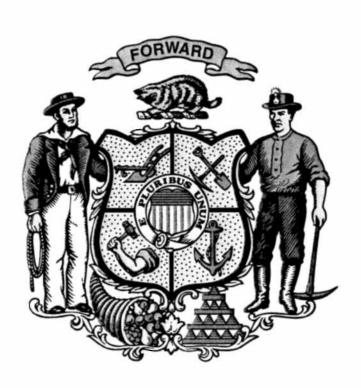
The restrictions of this bill would also effect our current fragile economy by severely damaging the careers of the more than 600 nutrition professionals who currently practice in Wisconsin and adversely impact the businesses of more than 1,000 health food stores.

I urge you to vote no for bill SB-115 so that all of us who use some form of nutritional, natural, and alternative health care options can continue to enjoy that freedom of choice. I would encourage the Senate and Assembly instead to look to our consumer protections laws that are currently available to provide the protection that this bill is trying to achieve. Thank you very much for your time.

Sincerely,

Allison E. Sorensen

cc. Dr. Gail Kopin, Alternative Health Associates



Julie Pember Brooke 3818 County Hwy K Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

September 14, 2009

Representative Kristen Dexter,

In October 2008, I finally convinced my OB-GYN to investigate my symptoms of endometriosis. This came years after suffering with the pain that comes with it and the emotional turmoil of not being able to conceive a child after years of trying. My doctor said she would be able to tell if I had endometriosis only after exploratory surgery. I was desperate for a child so I agreed. After the surgery, she acknowledged that my intuition was right and concluded that I do have a significant amount of endometriosis that had connected my reproductive organs together making them unable to function properly. I was told that my best chance for conceiving a child would be in the few months that followed the surgery.

April 2009 I found myself getting ready to try IVF. This method requires many doses of powerful hormones to put my body in a state of menopause. Then by injecting me with more hormones, the plan was to pull my body back into a "normal" cycle where the doctor would then need to perform a surgery to retrieve viable eggs, that would then be united in a petri dish with my husbands sperm, in hopes that a couple of eggs would then be candidates for implanting them back into my uterus. Still desperate, I agreed to give it a try. Of course this would not be covered by our insurance and put us out over \$16,000. By May I had injected myself for weeks of a hormone called Lupron. It made me anxious, irritable, and made me loose track of what I was doing. I didn't feel like myself and was miserable. I talked it over with my husband and told him I would like stop the IVF treatment and try a more natural approach. I had seen Karen Hurd speak to a group of people about the power of good nutrition and thought she may be able to help me. He agreed to my decision to stop the IVF treatment saying that seeing me talk about Karen was the first time he had seen me smile in weeks.

By the end of May I was able to make contact with Karen and she put me on a plan to recovery. Not only from the endometriosis that had plagued me for over 15 years, but also from the Lupron. She was able to explain to me why this hormone was not only making me feel horrible but how it was affecting my body in ways I had not known. After three days I felt like myself again. In the following month I became pregnant!

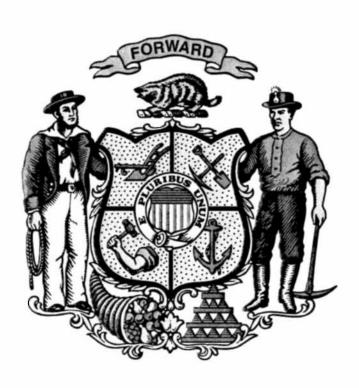
For years I had followed what the doctors told me. It cost me precious years and thousands of dollars. In one \$85 visit with Karen I was on the way to recovery and pregnant. Priceless.

t arviously I oppose SBN5 and its amendments. I am in favor of Health Freedom legislation.

Sincerely,

Julie Pember Brooke and Slate





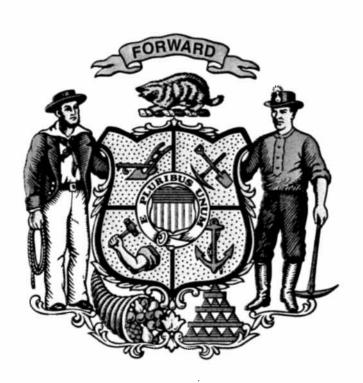
## September 14, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in regards to the U.S. Senate Bill 115. My husband and I have been using nutritional supplements for many years to augment our diet and exercise program. This has been very successful for us. We would like to continue to have freedom of choice to obtain our nutritional care and advice from whomever we decide.

Sincerely,

Marlene Faltersack



September 14, 2009



Dear Sir or Madam:

I am writing this letter to tell you of the valuable treatment and advise my family and I have received from Martin Johnson and his staff at Total Health Nutrition Center (Total Health).

I began coming to Total Health in 2004 after attending a seminar at the clinic. Martin Johnson and the staff have given my family and me invaluable advice on health and nutrition and helped me personally with many health issues. These health issues include combating strep throat naturally so that I did not need to have my tonsils removed and diagnosing my gallbladder attacks and working to strengthen my gallbladder so that I did not need to have it removed. These problems were treated with natural supplements that are invaluable. The diagnosis techniques they use at Total Health are amazing and all natural and correct.

Through Total Health I have learned much about nutrition and diet and how to use these things to naturally strengthen my body and treat the cause of illnesses instead of using conventional medicine to cover up the symptoms.

Total Health and businesses like it offer a healthy and wonderful alternative to conventional medicine that should be offered to anyone interested in taking charge of their health. Natural health practitioners and their ability to diagnose and treat illnesses with natural supplements and diet changes are invaluable and the services they offer should not be taken away from us!

Sincerely,

Kathryn Reinders and family Germantown, WI 53022



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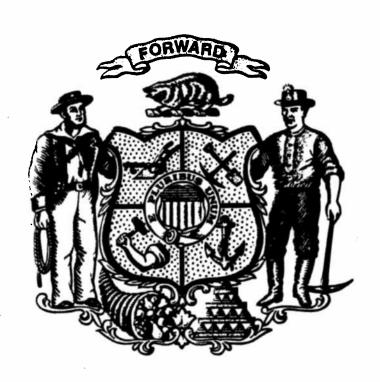
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To Whom It May Consern:

I have been using supplements for over forty years. At the age I am today I feel pretty healthy. I don't see a doctor more than once a spear for a check up. I believe in Chiroprotics and supplements over drugs and doctors who push them.

If you pass this law it well be like communism, telling us what we like communism, telling us what we can or cannot take, We have freedom of speech and should continue to have preedom speech and should continue to have preedom of choice as to what we take to beep ourselves healthy and what kind of health practioner we see.

Seccesely, Pasalie M. Cummings



(SB16?) 9/14/09 I am in total support of naturopathic medicine It has helped me tremendously I am not able to tolerate most prescription medicines due to horrible side effects. With naturopathic supplements, and wise nutrition I have been able to deal with my medical problems in an easy and gentle fashion. I want to have that choice available to me. Without naturopathic supplement I would not have options available to me to deal with my problems. Please let our naturopathics continue to help people and as consumers do not také away our choice. Respectfully, Mary C Duket Mary C. Duket 9063N.70thst milwaukee, Wi 53223 414-362-3761



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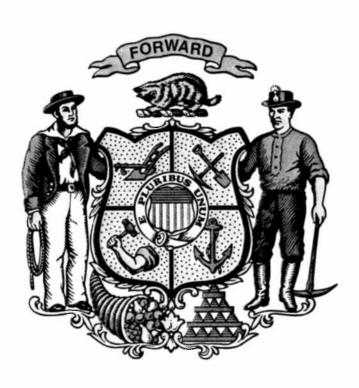
In regard to past and present day, We, the people have been able to choose our Current medical treatment. There are many Measons!, Dome are based on personal belief, religious belief , or need due to regative side effects from prescription medications, including allergies tothedies. Do many people have needed to report to Natural remedies & therapies due to the fact all of our body Chemistrus differ and react differently to Chemical publishmes used in prescription drupe.

I personally had gone to pereral doctors? to help me with my health disorders. I then Carefully researched Datural resources available to me, such as Vitamins, herbs, minerals and food supplements.

my personal Josta supported me due to my allergy to Certain dyes used in many precriptions (Confirmed allergies I have based on Medical testing/

Today I'm healthy and line a producting life, and continues support by my Doctor! AMERICA IS BASED ON TREEDOM

OF CHOICE! Please dont take more away!.
Repetfully Stay & Anderson.



#### TESTIMONIAL Improvement Report 9/14/2009



I have been seeing Martin Johnson, Naturopathic Practitioner, on a regular basis since December 2008. Following is a description of symptoms I was experiencing along with steps I took to find out the cause behind the symptoms. Since seeing Martin Johnson as part of my health care, I have greatly improved and would be extremely upset if my right to have access to natural health care as an alternative or supplement to medical healthcare would be taken away from me and no longer be a choice.

#### Symptoms that worsened over 20+ years prior to seeing Martin Johnson:

- Painful feet. Could not be on my feet for any length of time. Balls of feet would hurt and toes would cramp and I could hardly walk. I could only wear tennis shoes with orthotics-no heels or dress shoes of any kind. I could not walk barefoot and taking a shower was very painful. When it got really bad, I was not sleeping well. It hurt to have the covers touch my toes. Worst of all I could no longer dance which was something I loved to do.
- Legs were extremely painful to the touch, ached constantly, and felt very heavy. I could not do the things I loved to do like dance, or dress up for special events, or walk any kind of distance, or be as active as I used to be. In the morning, my whole body hurt and it was hard getting up and walking to the bathroom.
- Painful hands and fingers and wrists, In the morning my right wrist felt like it was broken and I had to support it with my left hand as I was getting up and trying to move my right arm. After slowly moving it, and doing some hand, wrist and arm exercises the pain subsided. I had no strength in my hands and could not do simple things like open a jar, chop vegetables, sew, even writing hurt. My fine motor skills were compromised. Almost every task was painful.
- My knuckles were enlarged and fingers were getting more and more crooked and painful. My hands and feet felt like they were twice the size but looked normal. My neck, shoulders, and back hurt most of the time. My whole neurological system seemed to be inflamed.
- Continual weight gain no matter how much I would watch what I would eat or try to exercise. Also, had no energy and felt very depressed due to not being able to do the things I loved to do and having no hope of it getting better.

I had been telling my primary care physician at my annual physicals about my feet and legs and how they were getting worse. I asked whether she thought it could be Neuropathy and she said she didn't think so that it probably was arthritis and I should take Tylenol or Ibuprofen for pain relief.

As it continued to get worse I decided to go to a Podiatrist to address my feet, ankles, and leg pain. I had gone to a Podiatrist when it started about 20 years ago and was told I needed orthotics to correct my flat feet and metatarsal problem. Well, it helped for many years but was no longer working and I had a bagful of orthotics and many shoes I could not wear. The current Podiatrist suggested having an MRI done and found 2 Neuromas between the toes on my left foot and 1 on my right foot. These are enlarged nerves between the toes and I thought we finely found the answer. He treated them with cortisone shots and extra alcohol shots and things seemed to get better until I went to California with my family and visited Disneyland. We walked the whole park and I was in pain the entire trip. When I got home I visited my Podiatrist and told him that I felt I was back where I started. He checked my feet and said that they looked good and that there was nothing more he could do for me but that he thought my problem was neurological and that he would call my primary physician and get a referral to a Neurologist.

I made an appointment with the Neurologist and she did some minor testing and thought my feet and legs looked fine. She didn't think I had neuropathy but that she would test me more extensively just to be sure. I had to make another appointment for the tests and to her surprise she diagnosed me with Neuropathy in my feet and legs. She then tested my hands and arms and said I did not have the Neuropathy in the upper extremities as of yet. She could not explain what was causing my neuropathy as I do not have Diabetes nor do I take a lot of drugs to be able to say that it was drug induced. She attributed it to heredity as my mother's family had many neurological problems such as Parkinson's disease and Alzheimer's which my mother now has. Her remedy was to give me Neurontin (a heavy duty pain pill with lots of side affects). I tried them for awhile but was not happy because it was only covering up the problem, and not very well I might add, instead of addressing the underlying cause of the problem and she had no other options to offer me. I knew I needed to find someone that could help me find the cause of this problem because my whole nervous system felt inflamed. At times I felt like my hands and feet were twice the size and I was going to jump out of my skin, yet everything looked normal.

Then I remembered a friend of mine telling me about Martin Johnson at the Total Health Natural Medicine Clinic and I decided to give it a try. After my initial visit to the clinic, I found out that there was blocked regulation in the nervous system caused by a heavy metal toxicity and the adrenals, which help to control inflammation, were not functioning properly and needed nutritional support. The nutritional deficiencies/imbalances were affecting not only the cardio-vascular and muscular systems, but my overall physiological balance and he indicated that it would take time to get my body back into balance and I would have to be willing to make some changes. Once I began taking the daily supplements needed to detox and support my body, changing my eating habits and reducing my sugar intake, I began to improve and I could feel the inflammation subsiding. Within 2-3 months the following improvements were realized:

Hands and feet started to feel normal again and not twice their size

- The pain in the legs and feet began to subside and I could be on my feet for longer periods of time and walk longer distances as long as I had my tennis shoes and orthotics on.
- I was sleeping better and the all over body aches in the morning were lessened making getting out of bed easier.
- The covers no longer hurt my toes and walking barefoot was not as painful and I could take more relaxing showers.

#### After 4-6+ months I realized more improvements:

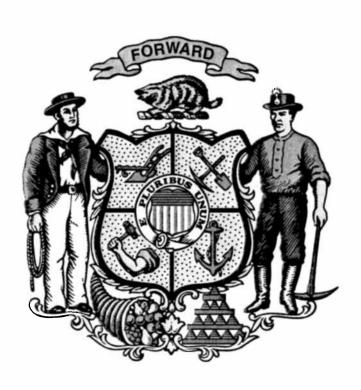
- I was able to exercise more and was beginning to lose weight and my clothes were fitting better.
- My wrist was not feeling like it was broken when I got up in the morning and the pain was gone which helped when doing household chores.
- I could actually wear some other flat dress shoes with orthotics besides my tennis shoes and that really helped to be able to dress more fashionable and feel more confident. Best of all I can actually dance a little without all the pain.
- I noticed that my knuckles actually were getting smaller instead of larger and my hands didn't hurt as much allowing me to do things that were painful before like write, sew, chop vegetables, normal household duties.

I am truly grateful to Martin Johnson and his team at Total Health Natural Medicine Clinic for helping me get my body back into balance and reducing my pain. Each day gets better and better. Because I can see and feel the improvements, my anxiety and depression is definitely gone and replaced with excitement and renewed hope. I knew that I had to get my inflammation under control before it would do irreversible harm to my body and I am truly grateful that I had a choice in my healthcare and could be proactive enough to find the help I needed.

I want to continue to have this choice of working with my natural practitioner and my medical doctors to help maintain my health and would be very upset if I no longer had that choice. I firmly believe that I would not have my inflammation under control without Martin Johnson's help. The natural practitioner has a definite place in the medical field as they practice preventative medicine. Instead of different treatments for heart disease, Alzheimer's or colon disease after the fact, there might be a single, inflammation-reducing remedy that would prevent all three. I ask that our State Representatives would vote to allow me and other citizens to have the freedom of choice in our healthcare and to be able to choose Natural, Preventative medicine as well as Western medicine.

Respectfully Submitted, Cinxa Ma Hurley

Anna Mae Hurley



To the Committee:

Sept. 14, 2009

Dan Kapanke
Dale Schultz
Tm Carpenter
Spencer Coggs
Kathleen Vinehoot



My name is Clyde L Robillard from Brussels, Wisconsin. In April of 2008 I was diagnosed with cancer of the rectum. The protocol was remove the rectum and be replaced by a sack on my side followed by radiation and chemotherapy (a form of mustard gas).

I told the doctor that his protocol was not an option for me. He informed me that I had approximately 16 months if I didn't do anything. I decided to use God's medicine (herbs, oils, etc).

One year later I am in remission according to blood tests, two months later the tumor fell off my rectum. My healing cost me between \$300 and \$500 per month and at no cost to the system. I may have saved the government over \$100,000 or more.

Do not violate my Ninth Amendment to the Constitution.

Article IX, U.S. Constitution states "The enumeration in the Constitution, of certain rights, shall not be construed to deny or disparage others retained by the People."

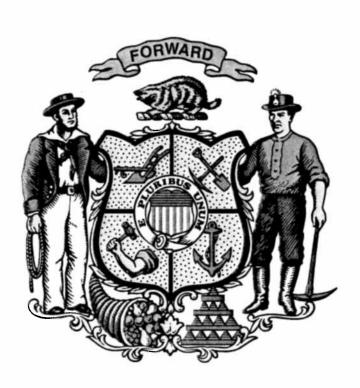
Under the Ninth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America, I retain the right to freedom of choice in health care (or psychological services, or educational services, etc). This includes the right to choose my diet, and to obtain, purchase and use any therapy, regimen, modality, remedy or product recommended by the therapist, doctor or any practitioner of my choice.

CONSTRUCTIVE NOTICE: Notice is hereby given to any person who receives a copy of this declaration and who, acting under the color of law, intentionally interferes with the free exercise of the rights retained by me under the Ninth Amendment, as enumerated in this declaration, that they may be in violation of my civil and constitutional rights, Title 42, U.S.C. 1983 et seq. And Title 18, Section 241.

Sincerely,

Clyde L. Robillard

2565 County Road C Brussels, WL54204



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I am writing this letter to let you know that I thenk + I know that Reflepolgy People are great Peaple. I have been to eight doctors S Ine last augest. The one person that has help me a lot was Joyce. She wood tell me what was going on with my body. I am on a lot of Vietamin + they have help me a lot. I can walk a lot better + not So much Shaking. If the doctore wood get together with Refleholgy and just lessen to one another the world wood be a better place to live in. Pat Becker 406 Bucharan & algom, wt 54201



Midwest nutrition Service I am writing about the meating on nutrition Sorvices On bill 115 Concerning the licensure of dietitions. It is my under standing that you want to change the law on our nutritional Service. That we would have to have a Destary Licens person for us to leable to get our natural health perception. Practitioners & over health food stores any advece what soverer Concerning neetrition no matter their baskground educational level. Why do you want to do this! We people who look for nutritional help know more what we want for our health then a Deetary person and we don't have to pay for it. They know what is good for us with no side effect. This bill is just to make money for the Soctor's & the Deetary person to fill their perhalis they can't you people leave good Thing's along? But that woulden't put money in your pockets would it? Regina M. Wessel 223 Church St. algona, Mi 541201