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Delivered via email

Dear Mr. Bennett,

The BC Naturopathic Doctors (BCND) association is the professional body representing roughly 800 licensed naturopathic doctors (NDs) across the province. Our members are highly trained, regulated healthcare professionals who provide evidence-informed, patient-centred care in communities throughout British Columbia.


As the healthcare system continues to respond to growing demand, workforce shortages, and the need for integrated care, naturopathic doctors are well positioned to contribute more meaningfully to provincial health priorities. However, current regulations have not kept pace with the evolving role of naturopathic doctors. The reality is that the times we are in require every healthcare provider to do more, and the system cannot afford to leave qualified practitioners underutilized.

BCND is actively looking at how to best modernize scope of practice that enables naturopathic doctors to work in closer alignment with the goals of the healthcare system and fully utilize their skills and training. We are undertaking the work necessary to make a strong case for how scope could be safely expanded to improve patient care and system efficiency.

We would welcome the opportunity to consult with you on how and when the Ministry may be considering updates to scope and regulatory frameworks, and to better understand how BCND can participate constructively in that process.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to connecting further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "V. Lindsay", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dr. Vanessa Lindsay, ND, Board President