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The Honorable Umair Shah, MD, MPH
Washington State Secretary of Health
Washington State Department of Health
PO Box 47890
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Dear Secretary Shah,

I am requesting that the Department of Health consider a Sunrise Review application for a proposal that would change the scope of practice for licensed naturopaths to include, among other additions, the ability to prescribe Schedule 2-5 controlled substances.

A copy of the proposal is attached, SB 5411 from the 2023 legislative session. The Senate Health & Long Term Care Committee would be interested in an assessment of whether the proposal meets the sunrise criteria for expanding the scope of practice for a regulated health profession in Washington.

The proponent for this proposal is the Washington Association of Naturopathic Physicians (contact: Carey Morris – careymorris27@gmail.com; 360-961-7125).

I appreciate your consideration of this application and I look forward to receiving your report. Please contact my office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Annette Cleveland".

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