

Dear Supporter of Health Freedom,

We are writing to you because we have a legislative emergency. Apologies if you are seeing this message for the second time.

This is the current situation:

Presently there is a bill before the California legislature that will negatively affect the legal opportunity for traditional naturopaths to work under SB 577 (2002). The Bill, SB 796 is about title use for unlicensed “traditional naturopaths.” The Licensed Naturopathic Doctors (CNDA), (and their Naturopathic Medicine Committee (NMC) - licensing board) wish to strip their non-licensed colleagues of the right to represent themselves as “traditional naturopaths.” If the CNDA and NMC win, in the future they will begin to expand their claims for control of scope of practice.

This will set the stage for the CNDA and NMC claiming that “homeopathy, reiki, ayurveda, herbalism, and many other modalities belong only to licensed naturopathic doctors” and pushing legislation that will make it illegal to practice any of those modalities without a Naturopathic License. We have seen this behavior in many other states where Naturopaths have passed licensing laws. They are aggressive towards other groups.

Therefore we must amend SB796.

Time is very short and we’re not sure yet what the decision will be. Making contacts is more difficult than usual because none of us will find a portal to send emails to - SB796 doesn’t appear on member’s or B&P Committee websites because it’s a sunset bill - so no easy way to register opposition. There is another way, however to make contact by cutting and pasting email addresses and sending them directly. It’s laborious, but this is what NMC counted on by putting their requested changes for title in a sunset bill.

Today please: 1) Activate Grassroots We are asking you to: Cut and paste messages and email addresses one by one to the following people: This is best way forward. Longer emails won’t help us.

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The subject line of the email should say: SB796 - request amendments to keep naturopathy titles in public domain. Save jobs, keep the public clearly informed.

The text of the mail should be short: Dear Senator Hill, Chairman Low, and Members of the Assembly Business Professions Committee,

Please amend SB796 to keep naturopathy titles in the public domain. The effect of stripping titles from a professional group will lead to job losses, and the public will be confused. A sunset bill is not the proper place to decide a turf war between two groups. We support the language the the California Health Freedom Coalition has provided to amend SB 796 as a common sense approach to keeping the public informed about naturopaths and naturopathy.

Sincerely yours,
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