

NATIONAL HEALTH FREEDOM ACTION

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Come to the Colorado Capitol to Support Colorado Senate Bill 13-215

"The Colorado Natural Health Consumer Protection Act",

Dear Colorado Resident interested in Health Freedom:

We're sharing exciting news that the Colorado Senate will hold a public hearing on the recently introduced Health Freedom bill, SB13-215, in the next two weeks! The latest update is that it will be heard by the Senate Health and Human Services Committee on April 10, 11th or 12th at 1:30pm. Watch your in-box for our email confirming the date of the hearing. Please plan to attend the hearing to show your support and appreciation for the natural health care services you receive from unlicensed natural health care providers in Colorado!

How YOU can Help before and at the Hearing - in the next 2 weeks:

- 1. Attend the Hearing! Clear your calendars and plan to attend. A physical presence is a meaningful way to show legislators the sincerity behind the support and need for a health freedom law in Colorado. Also, if you want to provide public testimony and contribute to the hearing in an even more powerful way, we can help you prepare your testimony!
- 2. <u>Click Here to Take Action</u> to Support SB 215 by entering your zip code and sending an automatic message of support to your personal legislators to spread the word about health freedom prior to the hearing! You can do this in addition to step 1, above, and step 3, below.
- 3. Call, e-mail, write or fax Colorado State legislators to tell them to vote YES on SB13-215. Be sure to contact each member of the committee that will hear the bill! Use the contact information at the end of this e-mail and simply use language from this one-page Action Letter if you can't think of what to say. The few minutes you'll spend doing this will go a long way at the capitol we promise!
- **4. Keep in touch with NHFA**. We'll promptly notify you of the date of future hearings as soon as it's announced watch your email for our messages.

What the Bill Does:

S.B.13 -215, the "Colorado Natural Health Consumer Protection Act", would protect access to thousands of traditional, complementary and alternative health care practitioners providing great services to health seekers in Colorado. The new proposed law (various versions already passed in eight other states) would provide an exemption from state occupational registration requirements for those non-invasive complementary and alternative health care practitioners who (1) avoid a specific list of prohibited conduct, such as puncturing

the skin or administering prescription drugs or telling people to go off their treatments recommended by their licensed health care professional, and (2) give out the disclosure information listed in the bill, such as contact information, education and training, and the nature of the services to be rendered. <u>Click Here to Read S.B.13-215</u>. The bill was introduced on March 15, 2013 by Senator Jahn. There is not a companion bill in the Assembly at this time.

Contacting Legislators:

1. In addition to putting in your zip code and sending your message to your own legislator please contact the Colorado Senate Health and Human Services Committee Members. Call the phone numbers listed below to leave a message with each member of the Committee. Email, fax or mail the attached action letter, or your own letter, to the committee members. Call from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays and from 8 a.m. to adjournment on Saturdays.

The message: "I support S.B. 215 – it protects our freedom to access complementary and alternative health care practitioners in Colorado and supports consumer options in natural health care." "Please vote YES on S.B. 215, the safe harbor health freedom bill."

- **2. Write letters:** You can sign the one-page Action Letter (<u>Action Letter Download</u>), or your own letter, and send by e-mail, fax, or regular mail to the members of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee and your personal Senator and Assembly Representatives. Also, please forward this email to your friends and family to have them take action too. Telephone calls, emails or letters are extremely important at this time!
- 3. Tips for When Contacting Personal and other Individual Senate and Assembly Representatives:

If you write or e-mail, begin your communication with Dear Legislator _____: Include the bill number, for example: RE: Please Support S.B.13-215.

Please take the time to write a personal note on your letter as this will have a greater impact with the legislators. Tell them about your rights as a consumer in Colorado to a free and educated choice in health care providers. Also tell them that you depend on alternative and complementary care for you and your family.

THANK YOU for your commitment to Health Freedom! If you have questions, contact us at info.nhfa@nationalhealthfreedom.org.

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