



August 7th, 2026

His Excellency Karol Nawrocki
President of the Republic of Poland
Presidential Palace
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00-071 Warsaw, Poland

Re: Letter of Support for the Polish Chamber of Naturopaths' Request for Presidential Veto of the Act Amending the Act on Patient Rights and the Patient Ombudsman (Parliamentary Print No. 2598u)

Dear President Nawrocki:

The World Naturopathic Federation (WNF), established in 2014, is the global voice of the naturopathic profession, which is practiced in over 110 countries. The WNF represents over 85 naturopathic organizations and educational institutions spanning all World Health Organization (WHO) regions. The goal of the WNF is to increase the global awareness and recognition of the naturopathic profession, to support regulation and the highest naturopathic educational standards, and to highlight the value of naturopathic care as a healthcare system for all people.

The Polish Chamber of Naturopaths is the WNF's full member organization representing Poland. WNF full members are those national naturopathic organizations that actively support regulation and maintain the highest naturopathic educational standards in their country. The WNF has followed the Chamber's work closely and shares its deep concern regarding the Act amending the Act on Patient Rights and the Patient Ombudsman, adopted by the Sejm on 31 July 2026, and we write to formally support the Chamber's request that you exercise your constitutional right of veto with respect to this legislation.

As outlined in the Chamber's letter to you, the bill introduces *sweeping new powers for the Patient Ombudsman relating to the statutory concepts of 'pseudomedical practices' and 'medical disinformation,'* including the authority to impose financial penalties of up to PLN 1,000,000, to compel the redirection of internet domains, and to maintain a public register of sanctioned individuals and entities. These provisions were incorporated into legislation originally concerned with an unrelated subject matter, without the extensive public and expert consultation that measures of this magnitude warrant. The Chamber has documented serious concerns, echoed by senators from across the political spectrum and by the Commissioner for Human Rights, regarding the imprecision of key statutory terms such as "current medical knowledge," the breadth of discretion afforded to *an administrative body not established by the Constitution*, and the resulting risk to legal certainty, proportionality, and the freedom of economic activity guaranteed under Articles 20, 22 and 31(3) of the Constitution of the Republic of Poland.

The WNF wishes to draw your attention to the fact that this legislation, if it enters into force in its current form, would place Poland at odds with the direction set out in the WHO Global Traditional Medicine Strategy 2025–2034, formally adopted by the Seventy-eighth World Health Assembly in 2025. That strategy, endorsed by WHO Member States including Poland, recognizes traditional, complementary and integrative medicine (TCIM) as a valued and growing part of health systems worldwide, and commits governments to strengthening its evidence base, supporting its safe provision through appropriate and proportionate regulation, and integrating it into national health systems in a manner that respects patients' autonomy and right to health. The strategy is explicit that regulation of TCIM should be risk-based and developed through genuine, participatory dialogue with the practitioners and professional bodies it affects, rather than through broad, discretionary sanctioning powers introduced without such engagement.

Naturopaths and other qualified complementary health practitioners provide care that is sought by a significant and growing number of Polish citizens, including many who face long waiting times or limited access within the conventional healthcare system. The WNF fully supports the protection of patients from fraudulent or dangerous practices and agrees with the Chamber that this goal is better served by robust, precisely defined, and proportionate legislation developed in genuine partnership with the naturopathic and broader complementary medicine community, including through the profession-specific regulatory framework the Chamber has proposed. Legislation that instead relies on vague definitions and disproportionate sanctions risks harming legitimate, responsibly practicing professionals, discouraging the kind of dialogue and collaboration between conventional and complementary medicine that WHO's strategy actively encourages, and ultimately reducing safe and equitable access to care for the citizens of Poland.

For these reasons, the WNF respectfully joins the Polish Chamber of Naturopaths in requesting that you exercise your constitutional authority to veto this Act, and that any future legislation in this area be developed through meaningful consultation with the naturopathic profession and other stakeholders, consistent with the principles set out in the WHO Global Traditional Medicine Strategy 2025–2034.

Should the WNF be able to provide any additional information or assistance, including further detail on international regulatory approaches to naturopathic and complementary medicine, please do not hesitate to contact us at info@worldnaturopathicfederation.org.

Yours Respectfully,



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