

#### Dear

I am writing as a patient and a concerned citizen as part of a growing movement across Wisconsin to advocate for greater access to **functional medicine and alternative healthcare services**.

I believe that every Wisconsinite should have the **freedom to choose healthcare** that focuses on **prevention**, wellness, and treating the **root causes** of illness, not just managing symptoms. Too **many individuals, including** myself, face significant financial and systemic barriers to accessing these vital services.

I respectfully urge your support for the following key initiatives:

## 1. Approve Health Savings Account (HSA) Funds for All Certified Healthcare Providers:

Allow HSA dollars to be used for functional medicine and wellness services, including those provided by alternative healthcare providers. Many, including the self-employed and those without employer-sponsored HSAs, lack flexible health funding. This would reduce out-of-pocket costs and allow more proactive health choices.

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## 2. Allow Functional Medicine Expenses to Count Toward Insurance Deductibles:

Enable patients to apply spending on functional and alternative healthcare toward their insurance deductibles, offering greater flexibility and encouraging more preventive, cost-effective care.

## 3. Support Direct-Pay Alternative Healthcare Solutions in the Chippewa Valley and Across Wisconsin:

Our state needs innovative health solutions that address the root causes of illness, such as inflammation, hormonal imbalances, gut health, neurologic and immune dysfunction, rather than simply managing symptoms. Allocating funds to foster the growth of functional medicine and holistic healthcare will help fill critical gaps in care, reduce over-reliance on medications, and promote sustainable wellness.

# 4. Reduce Regulatory Barriers for Compounding Pharmaceuticals and IV Therapies:

Current regulations prevent providers from delivering personalized, effective treatments. Reducing these burdens will expand access to care tailored to individual health needs.

#### Why This Matters:

Like many others, I have experienced the limitations of our current healthcare system—often feeling overmedicated and **under-supported**. **Functional medicine** has offered me (and countless others) a chance to take back control of our health. Without better access to financial tools like HSAs or deductible credits, these services remain out of reach for too many.

By supporting these changes, you can help create a more **inclusive**, **health-forward Wisconsin**, where residents are empowered to choose the care that best supports their long-term well-being.

I would welcome the opportunity to speak with you further about this, and I appreciate your time and commitment to our community.