

*To Whom it May Concern:*

*With due respect, I appeal to the Committee that Healing Touch Practitioners should not be included in Bill HB 2493. This organization has in place stringent self-regulating controls, including a Code of Ethics and criteria regarding Scope of Practice which practitioners are required to adhere to. For well over a quarter of a century, the Healing Touch Program (HTP) has granted practitioner certification to individuals who exhibit the professionalism, discipline, commitment, and dedication required to meet the established criteria to be a Healing Touch Certified Practitioner. The requirements are rigorous and are designed to instill knowledge, skill and confidence in the practitioner, including extensive practicums and an in-depth case study. The Healing Touch Certified Practitioner (HTCP) credential is recognized in Energy Medicine and allopathic medicine as a significant professional accomplishment. The following are required to apply for practitioner certification:*

- Completion of Healing Touch Program Levels 1 – 5*
- One year of formal mentorship with an approved mentor*
- Evidence of a Healing Touch Practice and preparing a case study addressing four to five sessions with a client*
- Completion of additional reading and reflection reports on educational resources, ethics, professionalism and growth as a healer*

*Coming initially from a background as a Certified Public Accountant, I understand the importance of a professional foundation and specifically looked for a program with that foundation when I committed to the Healing Touch Program for my training. Moreover, the program requires ongoing professional development and offers ongoing educational opportunities for the HTP community. The Healing Touch Program is dedicated to ensuring Healing Touch Practitioners are ethical and professional practitioners. Again, Healing Touch Practitioners should not be included in HB 2493.*

*Respectfully,*

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