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Care  
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Chair Nosse, Vice Chairs Nelson and Javadi, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Rachel Jemmott. I am a student practicing community acupuncture in Portland. I also work as a licensed massage therapist treating post-accident patients who deal with chronic pain. There are limited options for treating pain in our current medical system. In my experience, we need every tool there is to ensure adequate treatment of this complex problem. 5-Needle Protocol is an affordable, reliable, and accessible method of care. Not only does 5NP address chronic pain, it also addresses other major systemic challenges like mental health and addiction recovery. Oregon needs as many folks as possible practicing this medicine; patients need this option available. By offering this training to folks in diverse communities, not just to licensed acupuncturists, we provide more treatment options for those communities that are sorely in need of accessible healthcare services. Please support those in greatest need by voting in favor of HB 2143.

Thank-you.