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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Health Care

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3824

Dear Sir, MRs,

I am writing to formally express my opposition to allowing professionals outside of licensed acupuncturists to perform any form of dry needle insertion.

In my experience, needling the human body requires extensive training, clinical practice, and a deep understanding of anatomy, meridian systems, and safety protocols. Licensed acupuncturists typically undergo average 4 years of rigorous education and supervised training to develop the expertise necessary for safe and effective needling.

In contrast, physical therapists and other professions do not receive equivalent training in needle techniques or the underlying theoretical foundations that support their safe use. Allowing unqualified practitioners to perform dry needling poses serious risks to patient safety and undermines the integrity of our healthcare system.

I respectfully urge that only professionally trained and licensed acupuncturists be permitted to perform this procedure.

Sincerely,
Luis