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As a licensed acupuncturist for 18 years, I oppose this bill. Dry needling is acupuncture with a different name, and in order to perform this technique safely, it's extremely important to have adequate training. A lack of training opens the public to risks, including infections and punctured lungs. Acupuncturists have the proper training to avoid these risks. Additionally, acupuncturists are supreme when it comes to using filiform needles, which are the needles used by those who perform dry needling. Rather than marginalize acupuncture by allowing other professions minimal training to perform dry needling, such bills should be opposed in order to help elevate the acupuncture profession.