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When you take the needle but not the lineage, you take more than a technique. You take identity, history, and respect.

My name is Yuhsi Wang, I am a licensed acupuncturist in Oregon. I trained for nearly ten years to practice a medicine rooted in ancient East Asian tradition—a medicine often dismissed as unscientific, until its tools became profitable in someone else's hands.

Dry needling is acupuncture. It uses the same needles. It enters the same body. But while I completed over 2,000 hours of supervised training, physical therapists are allowed to perform this procedure after a short course. That is not clinical progress. That is erasure.

This is not just a scope issue. This is cultural appropriation. It is the rebranding of an entire system of healing without honoring its source. And it sends a clear message—that Asian knowledge is only valuable when renamed, repackaged, and removed from us.

Do not lower the bar for invasive procedures. Do not reward shortcuts. And do not call this equity while silencing the voices of those who carry this medicine with care.

My fellow Oregonians, please. Stand for patient safety. Stand for integrity. Stand for respect.