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Chair Patterson, Vice-Chair Hayden and Members of the Committee:

Additional notes on safety-

Pneumothorax (the most severe of common adverse events w/ acupuncture):

Rate of pneumothorax from dry needling performed by PT's and other non-acupuncture professionals: <.01%

Historical rate of pneumothorax caused by acupuncturists: <.0001% (2 pneumothorax per 230,000 treatments)

Both extremely safe, but 100x safer when performed by acupuncture professionals.<sup>4</sup>

Needling certain acupuncture points can lead to miscarriage in pregnant women.

These points are in the exact location of trigger points that PT's use to treat the following: 1. thumb pain 2. ankle pain 3. upper back, neck, or shoulder pain and HA (all can be treated by the same trigger point) 4. low back pain

At this point, we can't be sure this is included in their education.

Thank you for your time and consideration.