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Sent: Thursday, June 25, 2020 12:57 PM
To: Murdo, Patricia
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Dry Needling within Chiropractic licensure.

Dear Members of the Economic Affairs Interim Committee,

My name is Warren Smith DC, I practice chiropractic in Butte, MT. I am writing to ask you to keep dry needling in the scope of practice for the chiropractic profession.

Within my practice, pain relief in musculoskeletal complaints is much more than just the manipulation of bones. The muscular component is a significant contributor to pain and dysfunction and needs to be addressed. For many patients, dry needling is a fast, safe and convenient co-treatment to speed recovery and return patients to their active Montana lifestyles. The speed with which dry needle therapy reduces spasm and pain as compared to deep tissue massage, exercise and osseous manipulation is outstanding, often decreasing the time in an acute phase by greater than 50%. It is a benefit to my patients, and one that they would like to continue to have access to. It is also a cost effective therapeutic modality that I would like to be able to continue to provide to my community.

Please keep progressive and forward thinking healthcare moving away from archaic policies that limit patient access – and ultimately limits human quality of life – by keeping dry needling within chiropractic scope of practice.

Sincerely,

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