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Thank you for taking the time to serve our constituency as a public servant. I write this email not just as a practicing chiropractor in the state of Montana but also as a member of the Board of Directors for the Montana Chiropractic Association. I have been a lifelong citizen of Montana and take great pride in being able to offer my patients services that alleviate pain without need of addictive substances such as opioids. It is to this end that I feel the chiropractors in Montana can offer a very beneficial treatment through the practice of dry needling.

An important distinction in the practice of dry needling is that it is not acupuncture. Dry Needling solely focuses on using needles to alleviate sources of musculo-skeletal pain, the reason most people seek chiropractic care. The majority of the chiropractors who have become certified in dry needling graduated from the course offered by the Montana Chiropractic Association. I feel very strongly that they have been instructed to perform the procedure with the highest regard for hygiene and patient safety in mind. As an association we have never supported any treatments or procedures that are not taught in a chiropractic college. Not only is dry needling a part of Chiropractic Doctorate curriculum, venipuncture and other transdermal procedures are also included in the education to become a doctor of chiropractic.

I feel very strongly that our training as doctors of chiropractic along with appropriate dry needling training such as that sponsored by the Montana Chiropractic Association is extremely valuable to Montanans. It offers a very low risk, highly beneficial treatment to chiropractic patients with painful conditions of a musculoskeletal nature commonly seen at our clinics. This type of treatment could very well prevent a patient from seeking opioid therapy thus risking that individual from spiraling into our every growing population of opioid addicts. We must protect our fellow Montanans from the public health crisis that is opioid addiction

Respectfully Submitted,

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