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Dear Members of the Economic Affairs Interim Committee,

My name is Joeleen Ottun Cox, DC and I am writing to ask you to keep dry needling as part of the scope of practice for the chiropractic profession. Please do not renew your objection to the rule, as passed by the State Board. I feel that there is a misunderstanding as to the education of the chiropractors who went through the dry needling course. The course was based on the extensive knowledge that the chiropractors in the course had to graduate with their doctorate degrees as well as bachelor's degrees. This includes many hours of anatomy and anatomy lab which was extensive cadaver dissection. This knowledge of the anatomy that is required to graduate and pass the board exams is the foundation for the ability to perform dry needling in a safe manner. It would have been a waste of time to go over all this anatomy in the dry needling course itself. The course was informative and included adequate hands-on time. The average years of the practitioners attending the course I attended was more than 20 years in practice. I felt safe with any of the doctors performing this technique by the end of the class. Chiropractic is a safe practice evidenced by our low malpractice insurance rates in comparison to any other medical profession.

The technique itself has offered relief to my patients since I have been using it in practice. It has provided relief to patients in a drug free manner that they have not been able to find in other techniques, sometimes over years of treatment. I feel it would be a disservice to patients to take the practice of dry needling away from chiropractors.

Respectfully Yours,
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