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Subject: [EXTERNAL] DRY NEEDLING FOR CHIRO SCOPE OF PRACTICE
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Dear Members of the Economic Affairs Interim Committee,

my name is Rachel Rising and I am writing to ask you to keep dry needling in the scope of practice for the chiropractic profession. Please do not renew your objection to the rule, as passed by the State Board

Dry needling resembles Acupuncture in that they both utilize the same needles. However, they vary greatly as to the method and reasoning as to why they are used. While both serve a time and place, Acupuncture focuses on meridians, energy and oriental medicine, whereas dry needling focuses on the muskulo-skeletal system and trigger points.

As Chiro's, we have received extensive training in anatomy, biomechanics and physiology and the dry needling course simply adds on to our current knowledge base, giving us additional tools to enhance the well being of our patients. We have 7+ years of training in learning about the human body. Since we already have a vast knowledge of the muskulo-skeletal system, our seminar with Dr. Fishkin provided us with the knowledge and skill to properly administer the needles to improve patient health. It was intensive training with many hands on opportunities to perfect our skill.

Dry needling provides us with an additional in-office tool that enables us to better our patient outcome and improve quality of life. We use our extensive educational background, along with our new training in dry needling, to safely and effectively provide treatment to our patients in a safe environment. Our patients have shown incredible results with the addition of dry needling in our office and removing this service would do them a great disservice. Our profession is to improve the quality of life of our patients using our hands, and not being able to do so would be a tragedy.

I ask that you consider leaving dry needling in our scope of practice so that we may continue to provide our patients with the best care, using a wide assortment of tools, including dry needling.

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