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Interim Committee Members
c/o Pat Murdo, Lead Staff
Economic Affairs Committee (EAC)
State of Montana
Helena, Montana

Dear EAC Interim Committee Members:

RE: Support for Maintaining Dry Needling in the Scope of Practice for the Chiropractic Profession – Sept. 10 Hearing

I am a patient receiving benefits from dry needling administered by my chiropractor, who is certified in needling. Also, for other types of issues, I have had different benefits from acupuncture's different approach. I am currently being treated with needling at pain sites with quick and very good results after years of painful effects from old injuries.

I believe Doctors of Chiropractic have a logical and sound foundation for dry needling training and practice with their extensive education and training that includes the neuro/muscular/skeletal systems. Needling integrated with the chiropractic approach is an important part of my health care that helps me from needing pain medications and more invasive treatments. I would seek acupuncture for an eastern approach for more systemic kinds of needs. I see the two approaches as complimentary.

Living in a rural area of Montana with a "frontier" medical designation, I depend on relatively accessible needling as an integrated part of my one-stop chiropractic care. The pain relief is one of the reasons I am able to remain and be involved in rural Montana.

Consequently, for patients like me throughout Montana, I respectfully urge the EAC Interim Committee Members to maintain dry needling in the Scope of Practice for the Chiropractic Profession. Montana needs more, not less, drug-free pain management alternatives like the needling chiropractors provide. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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