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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Letter in support of the Chiropractic Dry Needling Rule, and request to provide public comment for Sept 10 EAIC meeting

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I would like to give my comment in support of discontinuing the objection to the dry needling rule, please distribute to the members of the committee:

Dear Members of the Economic Affairs Interim Committee,

My name is Dr. David Dalgardno, D.C. and I am writing to ask you to not renew your objection to the dry needling rule, as passed by the Montana State Chiropractic Board. At Gallatin Valley Chiropractic here in Bozeman, we have safely rendered well in excess of 800 dry needling procedures since the training some 15 months ago, and we have seen incredible results in our patients' pain levels, and recovery. It has become an invaluable adjunct therapy to chiropractic adjusting.

As I understand it, there are some concerns with regard to our training, even to the degree that it has been called "woefully inadequate". I would like to assure the committee, that our training *is* adequate, and includes not only the 18 hours of hands on training in the mechanics, application of, and precautions and contraindications to needling, but also to be considered is the nearly 700 hours of anatomy that we as chiropractors get. Chiropractors have a very firm basis upon which to build additional therapies for soft tissue manipulation, such as dry needling. We are well versed in the diagnosis and treatment of soft tissue dysfunction, as well as spinal dysfunction. As such, the allowing of chiropractors to continue dry needling is safe, effective, and in the best interest of Montanans.

Thank you,

-Dr. David C. Dalgardno, D.C.