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Coventry, CT 06238
February 5th, 2009

Representative Joan Lewis
Connecticut General Assembly
Legislative Office Building, Room 4053
Hartford, CT 06106-1591

RE: **HB 6266** – *An Act Concerning the Practice of Acupuncture*

Dear Representative Lewis:

I am contacting you as an acupuncture patient who resides in your district.

I am writing asking you to please support **House Bill 6266** – *An Act Concerning the Practice of Acupuncture*, which has been raised by the Public Health Committee.

HB 6266 provides Title Protection to acupuncturists in our state. This title protection is an important way to inform and protect health care consumers, and identify the unique credentials of providers with a Connecticut acupuncture license.

It helps consumers find practitioners who are licensed acupuncturists, trained under nationally-recognized accreditation standards in the modality of acupuncture and oriental medicine. It helps patients understand the credentials of the practitioners who are treating them. And, it provides an equitable recognition to state-licensed acupuncturists, giving them the same kind of professional title protection that virtually all other Connecticut health professionals enjoy.

I am one of the many Connecticut residents who have benefited from acupuncture care and am hoping you will support this bill which I feel would aid in protecting the integrity of this highly-beneficial health care field.

Thank you for your consideration to this matter as well as your efforts representing the residents of Coventry—your service is much appreciated.

Sincerely,



Emily R. Wilmes

Cc: Senator Jonathan Harris and Representative Elizabeth Ritter
co-chairs, Public Health Committee