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Senator Paul Doyle  
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2/04/09

RE: HB 6266 - An Act Concerning the Practice of Acupuncture

Dear Senator Doyle,

I am a resident of Newington and have an Acupuncture practice here as well. I am a licensed acupuncturist in your district. I'm writing to ask you to 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.

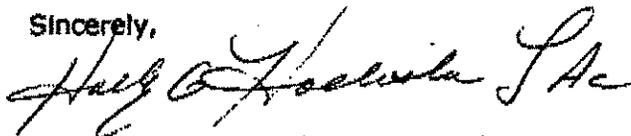
- It helps consumers find practitioners who are licensed acupuncturists, trained under nationally-recognized accreditation standards in the modality of acupuncture and oriental medicine.
- and*
- It helps patients understand the credentials of the practitioners who are treating them.
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- 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.

It is difficult for consumers, at this time, to distinguish licensed and non-licensed acupuncturists. 14 of the 28 listing under 'Acupuncturist' in the yellow pages are not licensed in the field of acupuncture. It is difficult, at best, for Connecticut consumers to locate fully qualified acupuncture professionals. Please support this bill, which will help consumers make informed choices for their health care.

I look forward to contacting you again. Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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

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Representative Sandy Nafis  
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Dear Representative Nafis,

I met you while stuffing envelopes at John and Kelly Kelley's. I live right behind them. I am a licensed acupuncturist in your district. I'm writing to ask you to support House Bill 6266 - An Act Concerning the Practice of Acupuncture, which has been raised by the Public Health Committee.

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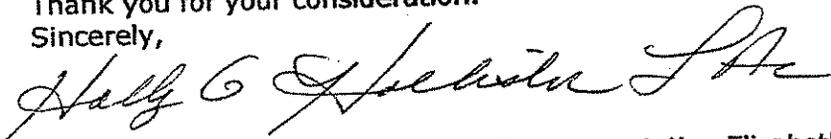
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It is difficult for consumers, at this time, to distinguish licensed and non-licensed acupuncturists. 14 of the 28 listing under 'Acupuncturist' in the yellow pages are not licensed in the field of acupuncture. Personally, I have had a number of patients complain about injury or lack of efficacy when being treated by non-licensed practitioners. Please help acupuncture in Connecticut keep to the highest of standards by supporting this bill.

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