

Senator MaryAnn Handley
Representatives Rojas and Kehoe
Connecticut General Assembly
Legislative Office Building
Hartford, CT 06106-1591

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

Dear Senator Handley and Representatives Rojas and Kehoe:

My name is Julie and I am an acupuncture patient in Glastonbury. I am writing to ask you to please support House Bill 6266 - An Act Concerning the Practice of Acupuncture. This bill has been recently raised by the Public Health Committee.

HB 6266 provides Title Protection to acupuncturists in Connecticut. This title protection helps to protect health care consumers by helping us to identify and be clear about the qualifications of the practitioner. It helps consumers find practitioners who are licensed acupuncturists, and who are trained by schools that specialize in acupuncture and oriental medicine that are nationally accredited by the Dept. of Education.

I am hoping that you will support any legislation that helps the consumer find the care that they are looking for and to lessen the confusion that can result when things are not clear as to the qualifications of the practitioner. I think that Title Protection will help to clarify this matter.

I appreciate your concern in this matter. You can call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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Cc: Senator Jonathan Harris
Representative Elizabeth Ritter
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