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of Massachusetts

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Senator John Harris
Public Health Committee
Room 3000, Legislative Office Building
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Senator Harris;

I am writing to express the support of the Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine Society of Massachusetts (AOMSM) for HB 6266.

This amendment to the Connecticut acupuncture statute is an important step in protecting the health care consumer. The title "Acupuncturist" should only be used by someone who is operating within the scope of practice and has met the strict licensing requirements for education and training, standards of care and patient safety that have been established by law in Connecticut. Acupuncture is a distinct profession and it is critical that consumers have confidence that when they make an appointment for acupuncture services, the practitioner they see is practicing within those parameters.

This is an important public health protection that should be in place in every state.

Sincerely,

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