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Representative Andrew M. Fleischman  
25 Sherwood Rd  
West Hartford, CT 06117

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RE: HB 6266 An Act Concerning the Practice of Acupuncture

Dear Representative Fleischman,

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 that you co-chair.

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. Title Protection would mean that only licensed acupuncturists could legally hold themselves out as such. Therefore:

1) The bill 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, and

2) The bill helps patients understand the credentials of the practitioners who are treating them.

I have had the great pleasure of practicing acupuncture in West Hartford since 2002, and have treated over 700 patients since then from the area. I am delighted to provide this wonderful healing modality to so many patients, and take very seriously my responsibility to provide high standards of care, and the knowledge and training necessary to do so.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Thank you for your consideration,