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Senator Jonathan Harris
Representative Elizabeth Ritter
Co-Chairs, Public Health Committee
Connecticut General Assembly
Room 3000, Legislative Office Building
Hartford, CT 06106

March 12, 2010

Dear Senator Harris, Representative Ritter:

Re: Raised Bill 428, Section 49
("AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH RELATED STATUTES").

The Connecticut Society of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (CSAOM) is a non-profit, professional organization supporting Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine.

CSAOM is supportive of deleting section 49 of the current bill, and willing to assist the Committee and the Department of Public Health in addressing any issues of Acupuncturist licensing.

We share the understanding that passage of the National Certification Commission for Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine (NCCAOM) acupuncture comprehensive examination and point location examination, as well as the clean needle technique examination are important components of any license application.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide our perspective and expertise on this matter.

With best regards.

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