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## **Testimony of Joan-Alice Taylor, PT, Psy.D., LPC, FABDA, CBT President, CT Physical Therapy Association**

**In support of**

### **SB 276, AN ACT CONCERNING LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR ACUPUNCTURISTS**

**Before the Joint Committee on Public Health**

**March 7, 2012**

Chairperson Gerratana, Chairperson Ritter, Members of the Public Health Committee, my name is Joan-Alice Taylor and I am the President of the Connecticut Physical Therapy Association. **I am here today to testify in support of SB 276, AN ACT CONCERNING LICENSING REQUIREMENTS FOR ACUPUNCTURISTS**

In some jurisdictions, "dry needling" has become a source of controversy between physical therapists and acupuncturists. Dry needling is the use of solid filiform needles for therapy of muscle pain, sometimes also known as intramuscular stimulation. The needles are sold by some companies as "acupuncture needles" but their use is not exclusive to acupuncture.

We would like to publicly thank the sponsors of this bill for including the language in section (g) that clarifies that this act would not prohibit the use of such a technique by a physical therapist as long as performed consistent with accepted standards within the physical therapy profession.

Thank-you again for the opportunity to testify before the Committee. I would be happy to answer any questions and look forward to continuing to work with the Committee throughout the session.

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