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RE: Public Health Committee Proposed Committee Bill 6243,
An Act Making a Technical Change to the Statute Concerning Advertising by Massage Therapists

Dear Senator Gerratana, Representative Johnson, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide public comment. I've been a long time patient and public advocate of integrative medicine and particularly Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine in our state, served as a member of the legislature's 2010 Sustinet Preventive Care Advisory Committee, and currently serve as a certified Tai Chi instructor in a CDC-endorsed community program for seniors fall prevention.

I'm writing today not in support or opposition to the proposed bill, but to encourage clear understanding and application of statute, as currently written and as may be revised by this bill or in the future.

I understand that the statutory language being considered for revision in 20-206g was originally intended to help prevent the operation of illegal massage parlors in the state. Given this intent, the language in 20-206g (as currently written, or as may be revised) shouldn't affect or restrict professionals whose own state licensure includes practices described in 20-206g; for example, licensed Acupuncturists practicing acupressure.

Thank you for your careful attention to this, and all matters of access to quality health care in our state.

Sincerely,

