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Barbi Lazarus

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I am writing express my opposition to the Traditional Chinese Medicine Repeal Act, 2022 of Bill 88, Working for Workers Act, 2022, Schedule 5. The de-regulation of Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) and acupuncture, and the dissolution of the CTCMPAO is a serious public health risk, as it allows untrained individuals to perform the controlled acts of performing acupuncture below the dermis and mucous membranes, and communicating a TCM diagnosis.

If not done by trained professionals, acupuncture can cause life-threatening injuries like pneumothorax and even death. The proposed act will remove the safeguards, standards of practice, and professional competencies required by CTCMPAO members.

Furthermore, this issue should not even be debated within this act, as Traditional Chinese Medicine and acupuncture are regulated health professions, and therefore are under the authority of the Ontario Ministry of Health and not the Ontario Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development.

Schedule 5 will also have a direct negative impact on the public's ability to access safe Traditional

Chinese Medicine and acupuncture as part of their health care, as it will give insurance companies the opportunity to deny the coverage of acupuncture when it is performed by TCM-trained acupuncturists.

I hope I can count on you to vote against this act.