

To the committee,

I am Wenbo Wang, a registered Acupuncturist and Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioner. I am writing to you regarding Schedule 5 of Bill 88.

Traditional Chinese medicine is not a one-trick one-shot, nor self-care, but a rigorous and delicate holistic medicine that has been proven with effectiveness by long-term practice. To diagnose and treat patients with needles and herbs a qualified Chinese medicine practitioner needs to be able to observe and examine meticulously and carefully analysis the pathogenesis and pathologies through a series diagnosis method. Even after strict and long-time clinical training, it can only reach an entry level, let alone how can people without proper training be able to treat patients and help people by using TCM?

Lowering the threshold of practicing acupuncture and TCM will not only fail to protect people's health, but even more seriously damage people's health. Lowering the threshold of practicing TCM is not a solution to the employment problem. It can only cause more chaos to the management of TCM. Not only will it not bring more TCM treatments to the people of Ontario, but it will also bring a devastating blow to a good acupuncturist or TCM practitioner. As well it may cause life-threatening injuries like pneumothorax, nerve damage, and even death.

There are many feasible methods in TCM treatment, including some feasible self-care methods, which can be widely taught by experienced TCM physicians, thereby expanding the scope of services. In short, language barriers are not the key to the employment problem. We can overcome language barriers by cooperating with bilingual acupuncturists and TCM practitioners or selecting to serve people who are same with language barriers.

The Minister Christine Elliott's views and the actions of Conservative Party are irresponsible towards all Ontario people and showed that they have no basic understanding on traditional Chinese medicine. As a minister she is not only negligent her duty, but also unreasonably disrupts the normal order of social public and harms the interests of Ontario Canadians.

I wish to help you to know more about TCM through my patients and my treatment cases, and at the same time, I strongly hope that you will speak out for removing Schedule 5 of Bill 88.

Sincerely yours,

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