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Traditional Chinese Medicine is something to be taken seriously. The people who have been helped by this Medicine are countless and can vouch for the effectiveness of it. On top of that, this cultural medicine have been in serious practice for thousands of years, which shows that it's not something to be taken lightly. Traditional Chinese Medicine has to be performed by professionals, people have had strict educational, because the effects of medicine must be controlled, just like western medicine. Medicine itself has to be regulated properly by specific institutions, because it is closely related to the matters of life, Eastern medicine is so as well. People who don't understand this concept will not understand why Chinese medicine should be regulated, which also shows that they should not be allowed to have any influence on this specific bill. This bill affects not only the people who practice this medicine, but also the thousands and thousands of people who receive it for the benefit of their lives.

I am respectfully bringing to your attention the appalling matter that was released on Feb.28 in the first reading of Bill 88 - Schedule 5 of the Working for Workers Act, 2022, which proposed deregulation of Traditional Chinese Medicine and Acupuncture.

Bill 88 - Schedule 5 ignores the fact that Traditional Chinese Medicine is one of high-standard health professions which is being strictly regulated in countries like USA, German, England and other provinces like BC and Alberta and needs to continuously be strictly regulated in Ontario

too.

For thousands of years acupuncture and Chinese herbal medicine have been highly effective alternative medicine methods that the public seek to treat a ton of diseases, especially in the areas of pain management, skin disorders, fertility issues, post-stroke and post-accident recovery, auto-immune diseases, etc. Every day, thousands of Ontarians are receiving TCM treatments. A single acupuncture treatment can save a patient with an acute lumbar sprain from pain; a period of TCM treatments can get a stroke patient out of a wheelchair.

However, TCM can treat, but it can kill too. Mistakes with the depth and angles when needling are likely to damage internal organs and even causing life-threatening situation; Herbs may have opposite effects on patients without deep understanding of TCM, not to mention the interaction between traditional Chinese medicine and western medicine. There have been cases of pneumothorax caused by acupuncture going to the emergency room for treatment. Even a well-trained licensed acupuncturist can make mistakes and cause harm to the patient, what if acupuncture and TCM are deregulated? Careful regulation is a MUST to protect public safety. Bill 88 - Schedule 5 proposes to reduce the barriers in the provision of TCM while ensuring consumer protection in the delivery of TCM. If there is no solid barrier when implementing TCM and acupuncture, if anybody can do medicine, what huge risk there would be!!! How can we ensure the safety and health of the public? What public health needs is not deregulation, but stricter supervision and management of traditional Chinese medicine and acupuncture, because this is the best protection for the safety and health of the public.

Please help us to stop the terrible mistake the provincial government may make, to allow more Ontarians to benefit from Chinese Medicine.

Please vote no to Bill 88 - Schedule 5.

Your time, investigation and consideration are greatly appreciated.