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If you speak with any patient that has received TCM treatment they will tell you that we just do not stick needles anywhere we want to. There is a process - we need to ask specific questions, formulate a differentiation from the patients signs & symptoms, and then pick acupuncture points/ herbal formulas/ dietary suggestions/ adjunct modalities based on the patient's condition. We cannot be placed under the same "regulations" as PSWs, tattoo artist etc., because they are NOT regulated health care professionals as they DO NOT perform treatments on patients.

It is quite clear due to the major backlash the government has been receiving since CTCMPAO was notified that they were winding down operations that they did not properly consult before introducing this legislation. Nevertheless, it is unprecedented for the Ontario government to deregulate a healthcare profession.

Ford and his party are well known for ensuring that good consultation processes are in place, yet there

was no consultation.

Consultation must occur because of the potential impacts to practitioners, patients and healthcare system.

Safety of Ontarians and their access to medical care should be priority and deregulation of the profession will only decrease safety by allowing unlicensed practice of medicine. As a result, deregulation will force licensed providers out of business leaving thousands of patients without care.

If the concerns stated by those who lobbied for deregulation of our profession truly is the reason why this bill 88, schedule 5 is to be passed; then this can be addressed just as those same issues have been addressed in other jurisdictions like BC.

Please reconsider this Bill and find a more reasonable and suitable solution to this “inherited broken system”.

Respectfully yours,

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