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Schedule 5 of Bill 88 proposes to dissolve the College of Acupuncturists and Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners of Ontario (CTCMPAO) and therefore de-regulate Ontario's acupuncture and traditional Chinese medicine (TCM) healthcare industry. Acupuncturists and TCM practitioners are honorable professions that require intensive training of at least 3-4 years. Practitioners must be highly skilled to perform acupuncture and to write TCM formulas to avoid potential risks to patients. Unprofessional needling and wrongful diagnosis can harm patients in detrimental ways. Careful regulation is a must to protect public safety and to maintain public confidence in the fields of acupuncture and TCM. Safe delivery of acupuncture and TCM treatments could not be assured without the presence of an impartial and robust mechanism for government oversight.

We the undersigned petition the Legislative Assembly of Ontario as follows:

1. Remove schedule 5 of Bill 88
2. Do not repeal the Traditional Chinese Medicine Act, 2006
3. maintain the CTCMPAO
4. keep acupuncturists and TCM Practitioners as regulated health professions

5. Make the Chinese version of the Pan-Canadian Entry-level Examinations for Acupuncture and TCM available to Ontario exam takers