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Mr Chiu Kong Hung

Standing Committee on Social Policy

Dear Premier Ford and Honorable Members of Provincial Parliament,

The Repeal Act will place public health safety in danger and violates the best interest of the general public, since the governing College which serves to ensure quality service and uphold medical standards of traditional Chinese medicine and acupuncture will be dissolved by the

Repeal Act. Obviously, this directly threatens public safety. If performed by untrained and unqualified individuals, acupuncture can cause life threatening injuries, such as infection, pneumothorax and even death.

I sincerely object to the Repeal Act for the following reasons:

1. The Repeal Act will remove the standards of practice and professional competence required by the College under the traditional Chinese medicine Act, S.O. 2006, c. 27 - Bill 50. These are fundamental to ensure public safety when treatments are performed by registered traditional Chinese medicine practitioners and acupuncturists. Removing these medical standards will no doubt jeopardize public safety.
2. The College has also developed standards of jurisprudence and ethical practice to serve and protect the best interest of the general public. The Repeal Act will terminate all current investigations and lawsuits for professional misconduct and malpractice, which is against public interests and will continue to put patients in harm's way.
3. Allowing unqualified individuals to practice like the supposedly highly-trained acupuncturists is not a proper way of creating jobs. The Repeal Act will lead to more medical accidents by untrained and unqualified practitioners, and patients' health and even lives will be endangered.
4. Language barrier is not a reason to repeal the original Bill 50 Act. Amendments could be made into the original Bill 50 to also allow Chinese language in taking the CTMPCAO examination. That way language barrier, if any, could be removed and proper medical standards could still be achieved and the practitioners could be properly supervised by the governing College.
5. Instead of creating more jobs, the Repeal Act will lead to brain drain to other provinces which will readily accept qualified and well-trained acupuncturists to enhance their medical services. In the end, Ontario could lose qualified jobs instead.
6. Canada is proud of our tradition of protecting public safety, especially in health safety and food safety. We will not lower food quality to put consumers in harm's way. Then why would we lower medical standards for untrained individuals to practise in Traditional Chinese Medical and acupuncture and put patients at risk? To maintain public safety, such a compromise should be allowed because it will expose the whole population to the possibility of professional misconduct and malpractice due to untrained and unqualified practitioners and acupuncturists.
7. If the Ontario Government repeals the original Bill 88 Schedule 5 and dissolve the governing College, it will definitely impact many of your constituents' medical benefits, health and public safety. For the purpose of creating more jobs, I sincerely recommend that just like BC and other provinces, the original Bill 88 Schedule 5 be amended to allow CTCMPCAO candidates to take the accreditation examination in Chinese, if it is deemed as a language barrier to practise in the field. And I sincerely hope that the Ontario Government will make the right decision to protect public safety. Thanks a lot.

Respectfully yours
Chiu Kong, Hung

Would you like to add any other information?

Canada is proud of her tradition of respecting minority's culture and traditional medicine intact, please keep the Bill 50 so that the Chinese Traditional Medicine can fully develop in Canada. Thanks.