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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.

There are concerns that unilingual Chinese doctors were unable to pass the qualifying exams because of inadequate English or French. However, this issue can be addressed by allowing them to take the exams in their own language. To dissolve the college and de-regulate the profession is entirely irresponsible and dangerous. Please re-assess this proposal. Thank you for your consideration.