

I am a patient of acupuncture and TCM and living in the Great Area of Toronto - M5B 2H5.

Please remove schedule 5 from Bill 88. Acupuncture **should not be unregulated or voluntary** and those who are currently stakeholders and practitioners with the College of Traditional Chinese Medicine and Acupuncture of Ontario should at the very least be consulted.

I know this is a relatively small issue for you and you are a busy woman, so I will be brief, but consider:

- inserting needles in people near organs, spinal column, nerves and blood vessels without regulated training and competency benchmarks is highly risky and puts Canadians including myself at risk. A quick search on the internet for “pneumothorax (collapsed lung) and acupuncture” or “hepatitis and acupuncture - reused needles” will show you the reality. **Having a regulated College protects Canadians.** If there are issues with the Regulatory college’s rules for language requirements, if your government believes the rules are too burdensome... do you not think there is a better way to address this than by putting your constituents’ health and safety at risk by removing the one thing that is keeping them safe? **Please vote against bill 88 or for removing section 5.**

Thank you for your time.

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