

Delegate Shane E. Pendergrass, Chair
Room 241
House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

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Re: HB 1016 – UNFAVORABLE – Health Occupations – Licensed Athletic Trainers – Dry Needling Registration

Dear Chairwoman Pendergrass and Members of the Committee:

I am a licensed acupuncturist who has been practicing for over 30 years. After 5 years of professional and systematic study and practice at the University of Traditional Chinese Medicine and Acupuncture, I can practice acupuncture only after obtaining the state acupuncture license.

Dry needling is the use of acupuncture needles to pierce the body to treat pain and is a part of acupuncture therapy. To practice acupuncture/dry needling, you must pass formal acupuncture theory and clinical study, and obtain an acupuncture license. Otherwise, it will seriously harm the safety and rights of consumers.

For all these reasons, I am asking you to oppose HB1016.

Sincerely

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