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Acupuncture
Association

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Greetings to our colleagues at the Vermont Medical Society,

It was very nice to talk to Madeleine at the statehouse on February 11th.

The Vermont Acupuncture Association (VTAA) representing licensed acupuncturists of Vermont embraces the practice of acupuncture by licensed physicians with training in accordance with the WHO physician acupuncture training standards. As such, we support H.690, which creates a standardized exemption to provide clear legal authority.

We very much look forward to working together with the physicians, physician assistants, nurse practitioners and nurses that populate Vermont's medical systems and to contributing what our medicine has to offer in improving the health and healthcare delivery in Vermont.

We especially appreciate the White Paper on Safe and Effective Treatment of Chronic Pain written by VMS Director, Cyrus Jordan, MD, MPH, and his testimony to the legislature, which supported the positive role that acupuncture could play in addressing our current opiate addiction and pain management crisis. We understand how rare this support is and we look forward to continuing this positive relationship as we move into a future full of need for new and creative solutions to address the pain management and opiate crisis we face.

Sincerely,

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