

Please post re H.684.

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RE: Acupuncture Detoxification Technicians  
Don't repeal section 3412 of H. 684

Dear Senator Jeanette White and Representative Maida Townsend,

In the early 2000s I was fortunate enough to get a NADA certification (Acupuncture Detoxification Technician training) from Michal Smith's organization in South Bronx, NY. Since the NADA program began in his area, violent crimes, drug use and drug related incarcerations were greatly reduced. The training I took was thorough and was populated by acupuncturists, mental health counselors, therapists, health care practitioners and citizens who felt they wanted to make a difference. I saw first hand from training in the clinic how effective this treatment was. People coming in ill or angry calmed down and felt better within the first 5 minutes of needle application. At the end of their session they were calm, grateful and able to connect with me and have a conversation. For many this is where their healing began. I am so grateful for this training. It left me knowing that this population at last has hope. Hope for themselves, their families and their communities. Hope to be able to return to a productive life and be a whole part of society. After 911 clinics were set up around NYC to treat those with PTSD from the twin tower attacks. NADA has been a great help to many people and is a very powerful medium.

With the opioid crisis Vermonters are facing, we need to look to New York and the success of this program. I am asking that you do not repeal section 3412 of Bill H.684. The NADA protocol and acupuncture detoxification technicians need to be one of the tools used to assist people in our community facing addiction. It is worth it.

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