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The Honorable (First – Last name) 308 House Office Building 402 South Monroe Street Tallahassee, FL 32399-1300

## RE: HB 583 (2023) – Stripping Away My Acupuncturists Professional Titles

Dear Representative (Last Name):

I am contacting you to express concern that HB 583 does not include a title exemption or amendment that secures the professional title for **Practitioner's Name**. If I understand the purpose of this new legislation, it is supposed to protect people from being confused about the type of provider is treating them.

I've been a patient in the office of **Practitioner Name** for **How Long** and always felt like they were very clear about their training and college degrees. The sign says it's an acupuncturists' office, and I am being treated with acupuncture and other affordable care that is important for my mental and physical well-being.

**Practitioner Name** is an important part of my health care team. I see no reason that HB 583 should become law if it hurts my acupuncturist's reputation and makes it more costly and difficult to run a small business in this area.

Please consider talking with Rep. Ralph Massullo, MD (Sponsor: HB 583) and ask that he include acupuncturists in his bill. Their titles and degrees are hard earned in college like everyone else. They should not be singled out or left behind in a way that is harmful when others are given exemptions or amendments to keep from damaging their businesses and reputations.

Respectfully,

(Supporter – Name) (city, county name)