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Mary Selecky, Secretary
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*Assign
HSGA
cc Brian*

Dear Secretary Selecky-

I write today to ask the Department of Health to conduct a Sunrise Review of RCW 18.06 in scope of practice standards for Acupuncture.

The practice of acupuncture in Washington State was established by law in 1985. The statute, adequate during the early years of the profession, has not been amended to recognize the growth in standards of practice, advances in science and technology, and education over the past 24 years.

When the practice of acupuncture was licensed in Washington State, acupuncture was recognized as a health care service and included a list of 11 techniques. These techniques are the use of acupuncture needles; the use of electrical, mechanical, or magnetic devices; moxibustion, acupressure, cupping, dermal friction, infrared, sonipuncture, laserpuncture, point injection therapy, and dietary advice. However, recent developments have not been evaluated or approved under the current RCW.

I appreciate your consideration of this matter and I am available to assist in whatever way you may need.

Sincerely,

Senator Karen Keiser, Chair
Senate Health and Long Term Care Committee
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