



California Acupuncture and Traditional Medicine Association

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The Honorable Evan Low
Chair, Assembly Business & Professions Committee
State Capitol, Room 4126
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 779 (Low) – Acupuncture: place of practice - Support

Dear Assemblymember Low,

The California Acupuncture and Traditional Medicine Association (CalATMA) supports AB 779 (Low). CalATMA is a recently formed statewide association that aims to represent all licensed acupuncturists and acupuncture students in our state. The formation of CalATMA was a monumental effort to unify a fragmented acupuncture profession so that we may speak with one voice, instead of many. Our goal is to educate the public as to the numerous benefits of acupuncture, as well as advocate for, among other things, higher standards for acupuncture services for Californians, and better integration of acupuncture within the evolving health care system.

AB 779 is an important approach to improving public safety through public notifications by our state's licensed acupuncturists who practice at multiple locations. It will require licensees to display notice to patients that their place of practice is registered with the California Acupuncture Board (CAB) and allow CAB to pursue remedies for those providers that fail to comply with these procedures. It offers important clarifications which are currently unclear in existing regulations.

We support AB 779 for its elevation of standards of our profession, which we believe will improve the quality and safety of acupuncture services provided to Californians.

For these reasons, we support AB 779 (Low). If you have any questions, please contact me at DavidQuackenbush@CalATMA.org

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Quackenbush".

David Quackenbush
Executive Director