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Senator Gerald Allen
State House
11 South Union Street Room 729
Montgomery, Alabama 36130

Re: Acupuncture Bill SB508

Dear Honorable Allen:

During the 2012 Regular session I spoke with someone from the Medical Examiners and they were against the above bill and they suggested we contact you. If you want to give me the names of the individuals who requested the legislation, someone from the Board would like call them to discuss the possibility of reintroducing the legislation in the next session.

I am sure you are aware chiropractors have been doing acupuncture in Alabama since the mid-70s and our Board already has some basic requirements in place, which could be expanded to include non DCs. Also, there is a national exam which could be used as part of the licensure requirement even for non DCs. This Board wanted me to offer to work with you on the legislation for the next session to either put under our practice act similar to non-licensed clinic owners or to work on a stand-alone Board with a chiropractic exemption. I will be glad to discuss the bill and possible changes if you want to call me.

The Board appreciates your help in this and we look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Sheila Bolton
Executive Director

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