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NEW YORK STATE  
...and  
I **SUPPORT** INCREASED ACCESS  
TO ACUPUNCTURE !!!

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**The Honorable Andrew M. Cuomo**  
Governor of New York State  
NYS State Capitol Building  
Albany, NY 12224

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Let New York State Licensed Acupuncturists Join the Fight  
Against the Opioid Epidemic through the NYS Workers'  
Compensation System

**Dear Honorable Governor Cuomo,**

In the face of the Opioid Epidemic facing our state and nation, NY workers like myself deserve better access to non-drug treatments to manage pain such as Acupuncture.

Acupuncture has been proven to...

- Provide safe and effective pain relief
- Reduce reliance on opioid pain killers
- Help those addicted to opioid pain killers overcome their addiction safely and successfully with fewer withdrawal symptoms
- Reduce health care costs in NY by reducing opioid prescriptions and the need for emergency medical interventions due to opioid abuse.

Acupuncture is already a covered therapy within the Workers' Compensation System; the value of it has already been established as a safe and effective therapy for pain. New York Licensed Acupuncturists are the highest trained and most skilled professionals performing this therapy. It only makes sense that NYS workers have access to these professionals and that Licensed Acupuncturists receive equal treatment and fair reimbursement for their services. However, a legal loophole and misinformation about cost has continued to keep NY Licensed Acupuncturists excluded from the NYS Workers' Compensation System in a clearly discriminatory fashion. This bill would change this and give workers easier access to the safest and most effective acupuncture treatment.

Please sign this bill and let workers in NY receive this safe, effective, non-drug treatment by those who are licensed in this state to do so.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Acupuncture  
Before  
Opioids!!!

