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To the Honourable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, in Legislature Assembled:

RE: Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners & Acupuncturists Regulation: BC Reg 290/2008

The petition of the undersigned, _____, of the _____, states that: modernisation of each regulated health profession's scope of practice to reflect current evidence based practice has been underway in British Columbia by the Ministry of Health since the year 2001 which has been called "Scope of Practice Reform". The College of Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners & Acupuncturists of BC (CTCMA) identified an urgent need to modernize the Traditional Chinese Medicine Practitioners and Acupuncturists (TCMPA) Regulation: BC Reg 290/2008 to reflect current practice because several of the activities performed by registrants which are considered part of the Traditional Chinese Medicine scope of practice are not reflected in the TCMPA Regulation. This urgent need for modernization was first communicated to the Ministry in 2008 and again every year with increasing urgency but has resulted in little action taken by the Ministry of Health. In 2015, the CTCMA filed a formal regulation amendment proposal with the Ministry of Health which to this date has still not been acted upon.

The BC Association of Traditional Chinese Medicine and Acupuncture Practitioners (ATCMA) has also communicated this need for modernization to the previous government's Minister of Health, the current government's Minister of Health and the Steering Committee without response while the Ministry of Health continues to defer this modernisation for TCM. 24 of 26 regulated health professions have already undergone this modernisation of their scope of practice while TCM continues to be considered a low priority by the Ministry of Health despite being one of the largest regulated health professions in BC with over 2,300 registrants.

Your petitioners respectfully request that the Honourable House give direction to the Ministry of Health to review and update the scope of practice of Traditional Chinese Medicine & Acupuncture to be in accordance with the regulation amendment proposals submitted to the Ministry by the CTCMA and the ATCMA so that the TCMPA regulation reflects the current practice of TCM in BC that has been underway for over 20 years. Failure to act on this promptly will result in tens of thousands of patients losing access to care they have relied on for over a decade due to complaints from competing professions over outdated scope of practice statements.

Dated _____ day of _____, 20 ____.

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