

State of Utah Acupuncture Licensing Board

NCCAOM 76 South Laura Street Suite 1290 Jacksonville, FL, 32202, USA

Dear NCCAOM,

As members of the Utah Acupuncture Licensing Board, we write to you with concern regarding a lower standard of training for qualification and entry to the AOM profession requested by POCA (People's Organization of Community Acupuncture). Their request to lower the standard to become a Diplomat of Acupuncture or Diplomat of Oriental Medicine, causes deep concern for the ongoing quality & integrity of the profession in addition to safety of the public.

The Utah Acupuncture Licensing Board strongly disagrees with, and opposes the proposal to lower the standards of education. We request that the NCCAOM maintain the current standard of education and training for Licensed Acupuncturists and practitioners of Acupuncture & Oriental Medicine.

We acknowledge and support the NCCAOM mission; "To assure the safety and well-being of the public and to advance the professional practice of acupuncture and Oriental medicine by establishing and promoting national evidence-based standards of competence and credentialing."

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If you have questions, please feel free to contact the Utah Acupuncture Licensing Board.

Sincerely,

Utah Acupuncture Licensing Board Tyehao Lu, Chair/Board member Kris Justesen, Board member Conra Weber, Board member Bea Hammond, Board member David Flater, Board member