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To: <u>Covert-ByBee, Claire</u>

Subject: Re: Occupational Board Reform Act Survey Request

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Claire,

Here are my requested responses.

- 15. A statement from your point of view about the effectiveness of the regulations overseen by the Board;
- 16. What the harm may be if the occupation is no longer licensed, certified, or regulated

I have been on the Nebraska Board of Chiropractic for nine years. In that time I have seen the effectiveness of our regulations for the practice of Chiropractic in Nebraska. Specifically, this Board had installed directed, mandated topics for relicensure that have been effective in limiting the number of complaints against chiropractors and allowed the Board to responds to trends in practice behavior that may affect patient safety.

I would be concerned that deregulating Chiropractic would create an environment that could jeopardize the safety of chiropractic patients. As in all professions in health care, the majority of the practitioners are safe, honorable and helpful, but there are always outliers who could be dangerous and or predatory. It has always been my feeling that the professional Boards exist to protect the public and the profession from the bad actors. Licensure and regulations are the tools the Boards use to create the safety net protecting the public.

I hope these answers are helpful. Please let me know if you need anything else.

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