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Hello,

As the President of ITEA, an accredited and successful acupuncture school in Colorado with many aspiring acupuncturists who may like to practice in New Mexico, I urge you to reconsider the proposed changes to 16.2.14 Externships.

How are these additional hour requirement changes allowing acupuncture to even exist in New Mexico, a state that has no acupuncture schools itself? Students are thwarted by the prohibitive laws and lack of education options to meet these unrealistic standards.

We have invested in New Mexico and the future of our students by going through the acupuncture board approval process as a higher education institute. These changes would make that investment irrelevant and even further out of reach for future acupuncturists to bring this form of healthcare to the state.

Thank you for receiving public comments on this matter.

Best,

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