To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in regards to the proposed guidelines for the national registration of chiropractors.

I find the proposed guidelines oppressive. I am strongly opposed to the guidelines themselves, I am also opposed to the methods that the chiropractic board has utilized to come to such conclusions; specifically the lack of transparency throughout the development process, and complete lack of communication with the wider chiropractic profession. I am also questioning the research that has been utilized to create such guidelines and I ask that all research used to develop each guideline be made clear and available to the wider chiropractic profession for viewing and discussion. I also ask that the board give a realistic time for a response from the profession (ie weeks not 2 working days).

I have only just recently graduated, I believe that the proposed guidelines are so restrictive that I do not believe that I will be able to serve my community in the ways and for the reasons that I decided to become a chiropractor. Chiropractic is a method of heath care, it is not sickness care and should not be constrained by guidelines that force it to become sickness care, our community is crying out for a shift in how we view our health and how we maintain it, as the board would clearly know that health is a state of complete physical, mental and social wellbeing and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity, these health outcomes are the goals that chiropractic profession needs to set our patients striving for, not simply temporary relief from pain and dysfunction.

Dr Donato you see your leadership roles within chiropractic as “opportunities to progress and develop the chiropractic profession to its rightful position within health-care, where ultimately there is a better and more available service for the benefit of the community.” I have no idea how you, or anyone within the chiropractic profession could read through the proposed guidelines and believe that they will achieve such a result.

The chiropractic profession is currently perfectly placed to help lead our communities towards improved health, and optimal function throughout their lives, we need leadership from our national chiropractic board that is going to stand strong and help support the profession fulfill this vital role. We do not need a board that is a puppet of the AMA, and we do not need another profession that treats allopathically that jumps aboard the already sinking ship.

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