

Sample Letter 2 / from An Acupuncture Patient

Date:

RE: TO CO-SPONSOR HR818

Dear Congressman/Congresswoman (name):

As an acupuncture patient in your district, I urge you to cosponsor HR818, the Federal Acupuncture Coverage Act. The bill, sponsored by Congressman Maurice Hinchey, would add an acupuncture benefit to Medicare and the Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) plan.

I am one of millions of consumers who know how effective acupuncture can be in treating chronic pain, addiction, and respiratory and digestive ailments. (Patients could add some personal testimonial on their experience with acupuncture)

For patients in search of safe, holistic treatment with little or no side effects, acupuncture has become an integral part of the health care regime. It is a safe, effective and inexpensive alternative to Western medicine. That's why more than 70 percent of the nation's insurers now cover some acupuncture treatments.

The Federal Acupuncture Coverage Act would expand acupuncture services to Medicare's 42 million seniors and disabled persons and for the nine million federal employees and their dependents. Federal employees, seniors and the disabled should have the freedom to choose acupuncture.

Thanks for supporting HR818.

Sincerely,

Name

Address

City, State, Zip

E-mail