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To: Superior Court for the State of Washington
The Honorable Laura C. Inveen

Re: State of Washington *ex rel.* South Sound Acupuncture Association, a State of Washington non-profit association, Plaintiff, vs. Kinetacore, a Colorado LLC doing business in the State of Washington; EDO Zylstra, CEO and owner of Kinetacore; Keri Mayawhort, a Kinetacore instructor; Emerald City Physical Therapy Services LLC doing business as Salmon Bay Physical Therapy LLC, a limited liability company; John Does 1-10; and Jane Does 1-10.

As a patient at a Physical Therapy clinic in Alexandria, Virginia, I receive dry needling from my physical therapist and the treatment is an invaluable part of my care. Physical Therapists go through a rigorous education process toward a doctorate and have extensive knowledge of anatomy/physiology, well beyond the required training to become an acupuncturist. How is a Doctorate in Physical Therapy and an expertise in an advanced technique unsafe for the public?

The current research points out clearly that Physical Therapists performing this treatment are safer than many treatments for pain considered commonplace (i.e. NSAIDs). As a concerned member of the health seeking public, I implore you to renew all PT rights to perform dry needling as a part of PT practice.

Sincerely,

Physical Therapy Patient

Name: _____

Email Address: _____