**BOARD OF MEDICINE’S COMMITTEE ON ACUPUNCTURE TAKES DISCIPLINARY ACTION**

WAKEFIELD: At its meeting on September 3, 2021, the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine’s Committee on Acupuncture took disciplinary action against the acupuncture license of Qingping Joy Bai.

The Committee summarily suspended Qingping Joy Bai’s acupuncture license after finding that Ms. Bai poses a serious threat to the public health, safety and welfare after failing to comply with an Order of the Commissioner of Public Health issued May 28, 2021 requiring that masks be worn at all times at “healthcare practice locations of any provider licensed by a professional board which sits within the Department of Public Health or the division of Professional Licensure.” In response to a complaint, Ms. Bai acknowledged to the Committee that neither she nor her patients wore masks during acupuncture appointments conducted at her office located in Wellesley, Massachusetts. Ms. Bai was first licensed to practice acupuncture in Massachusetts in 2014.

Ms. Bai has the right to a hearing at the Division of Administrative Law Appeals within seven days.

The Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine licenses more than 40,000 physicians, osteopaths and acupuncturists. The Board was created in 1894 to protect the public health and safety by setting standards for the practice of medicine and ensuring that doctors who practice in the Commonwealth are appropriately qualified and competent. The Board investigates complaints and determines sanctions. More information is available at www.mass.gov/massmedboard, or you may contact the Board at borimmedia@massmail.state.ma.us