



To the Head of the Verkhovna Rada Committee on Health
Prof. O. Bogomolets

Dear colleagues,

The management and members of our association were very disappointed about the initiative of the Ministry of Health of Ukraine to ban folk medicine in this large Eastern European country. Authors of the bill explain their uncompromising decision by the fact that such a practice "does not correspond to modern medical scientific knowledge".

This opinion is at least mistaken, if not false. Complementary medicine is a worthy component of modern system of medicine and public health. Moreover, today more and more adherents of recently despised "grandmother's recipes" appear in the world, and, surprisingly, it is effective in treating a number of diseases, which is confirmed by numerous clinical studies. Please, pay attention to world-famous recipes of Dr. Theiss. After all, he is based on the same folk medicine; that is herbal medicine. And, nevertheless, his research receives comprehensive support; his drugs are successfully implemented in almost all countries of the world, including the most developed ones.

The same situation is with the medicine of the East, where folk medicine with ancient traditions is supported at the state level. Everyone in the world is familiar with the achievements of healers of India (Ayurveda), China (acupuncture), and many other countries. They have millions of followers around the world.

The asset of folk healers of Ukraine includes a thousand-year experience and author's developments, tested and supported by authoritative representatives of official medicine and pharmacy, both domestically and internationally. Traditional healers of Ukraine, having licenses, certificates, and positive feedback from patients and colleagues, are actively upgrading their skills, participating in international medical conferences and symposiums, joining prestigious medical communities.

Among the members of European Medical Association are such well-known healers in Ukraine as the president of All-Ukraine Nature Protection Society Natalia Zemnaya, an outstanding modern herbalist and scientist; bioenergy therapist, the head of Medical Center "Energetics" Lyudmila Zhukova; president of the Ukrainian Association of Chiropractors Nikolai Nasikovskiy. Their colleagues in different countries of the world respect these people; their speeches at international medical conferences stir constant interest of specialists.

Of course, it is difficult to regulate the activities of traditional healers, but in Ukraine, the management was performed by the Committee on Folk Medicine at the Ministry of Health of Ukraine for many years. All healers took ordinary and advanced training courses at the Institute of Traditional Medicine, passed the certification exams, constantly confirmed their skills and abilities. Perhaps the existing system needs to be reformed and improved. However, it is not necessary to splash out the baby with water, depriving millions of people of usual and popular methods of treatment.

In conclusion, I want to quote the words of Dalai Lama XIV: The planet does not need a large number of "successful people." The planet desperately needs peacekeepers, healers, restorers and lovers of all kinds. The best Ukrainian healers love their work, their patients, promote healthcare of their citizens, improve the ecological and humanitarian situation, and many other areas.



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Therefore, we ask the Healthcare Committee of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine to reconsider the radical decision of the Ministry of Health and find a consensus in resolving this issue.

Best regards,



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