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Hello Everyone,

I am requesting your help in keeping a piece of legislation from being passed next Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. Please at least send an email. All comments need to be there by Monday.

The movement to have a license for Massage Therapy in the state of Pennsylvania has been an ongoing effort for over twenty years. We are finally close to having a license.

However, something happened in October that makes the legislation a *bad* thing for massage therapists. Members of the Insurance Industry, and the Physical Therapists Association came to the IRRC meeting and *asked to have the word therapeutic struck from the legislation. It was removed, and the scope of practice narrowed down to almost nothing.*

*They have done this in other states and it has effectively gutted the power of the Massage Therapists in those states.*

The Massage Therapists are not able to advertise that their work has any therapeutic benefit. They are reduced to pampering style massage only.

We would like to continue doing Therapeutic Massage. We love to help people get out of pain and heal. We will not be able to use the word Therapeutic with the current regulations.

**PLEASE SPEAK UP AND VOTE AGAINST THE FINAL VERSION OF THE MESSAGE LEGISLATION BY EMAILING, WRITING, AND CALLING THE IRRC. You can also call your local representative if you wish.**

Emailed comments should be addressed to [irrc@irrc.state.pa.us](mailto:irrc@irrc.state.pa.us)

I VOTE NO ON NO. 2843 STATE BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY #16A-721: MASSAGE THERAPY

The current/final version of this legislation excludes the word therapeutic, and restricts the scope of practice for massage therapists in such a way that it will effectively cripple the industry's ability to relieve pain and help the general population live healthier lives. The changes made at the October meeting of the IRRC are not acceptable. Massage Therapy is by nature, therapeutic.

I ask that you vote down the current legislation No. 2843 STATE BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY #16A-721:  
MASSAGE THERAPY

**My practice is primarily therapeutic. This will be detrimental to my livelihood and detrimental to my clients well-being. Please reconsider this and replace the word 'therapeutic'.**

**Thank you**

**Sincerely Yours,**

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Certified Massage Therapist since 2001**