

**Totino, Michaele**

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Michaele,

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

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**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.**

**Reasoning:**

**We would like the word "Therapeutic" put back into the definition of Massage Therapy. We would like the "scope of practice" defined as it was in the May proposal. We would like the wording to stay that says, "Massage therapists treat the soft tissue manifestations of the human body, which may include the following:"**

**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.***

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**No. 2843 State Board of Massage Therapy #16A-721:**

**Massage Therapy**

**In Health,**

***Diane Sz wajkowski, Certified Massage Therapist***

***In practice since 1993***