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Dear Ms. Totino,

Re: Regulation 16A-721 Massage Therapy (IRRC 2843)

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I am writing today to express my steadfast opposition to the passing of the Final Regulation, as it stands, for licensure for Massage Therapists in Pennsylvania. The changes in language, in particular, from the original proposed regulation back in May, are troubling.

Not surprisingly, these changes were recommended by organizations outside the massage therapy profession whose interests are best served by such vague and limiting language.

It seems to me that the passing of any regulation governing a particular profession, should serve the body of professionals being regulated, as well as the public it serves. As it stands, the Final Regulation does not serve the professionals who earn a living providing the healthcare modality of Therapeutic Massage in Pennsylvania. It does nothing to enhance, elevate or promote the profession in the eyes of other healthcare providers or consumers.

Specifically, I object to the change in the language under Scope of Practice (Section 20.41.):

(a) Massage therapists ~~treat the soft tissue manifestations of the human body, which may include the following~~

The removal of this verbiage, to be replace by:

APPLY A SYSTEM OF STRUCTURED TOUCH, PRESSURE, MOVEMENT, HOLDING AND TREATMENT OF THE SOFT TISSUE MANIFESTATIONS OF THE HUMAN BODY IN WHICH THE PRIMARY INTENT IS TO ENHANCE THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF THE CLIENT.

This new "Scope of Practice" renders impotent, the fact that our work provides therapeutic benefit to our clients. This "Scope of Practice" is at best, vague, and at worst inaccurate and incomplete. We are not served, as a profession, by not having a well defined and accurate Scope of Practice.

The Regulation, as it stands will do more harm than good to the Massage Therapy profession in Pennsylvania.

Sincerely,

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Ms. Totino,

Please find my comments, attached, with regard to the Final Regulation on Massage Therapy licensure.

Sincerely,

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