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Subject: Comment on the License Fee increase



Good Evening,

I want to say that this is very upsetting and I feel like this board is making it increasingly hard for the Massage Therapist in PA. We have to spend an unbelievable amount of money on CE training, insurance and CPR and now with the renewal increase our therapist are having a hard time affording their career path.

As a whole we have decided to mainstream Massage and franchise this industry to keep the cost of massage down however that directly effects how much we can pay our therapist. I am a firm believer in the licensing requirements, and requiring continuing education as there are millions of useful techniques that can better help our clients, however we as Therapist still need to afford our lives and our children. I am a Therapist for 18 years now and want to continue in my craft, however I don't know if I can keep up with all the fees involved. I find this career to be very rewarding as a whole, I see the pain and stress of my clients melt away and when I am done they get off the table with such gratitude for the relief they were given. With that being said I still struggle with my finances on a daily, because of being at a franchise and the need to offer affordable rates I have to work 6 days a week doing 8 appointments a day to be able to live paycheck to paycheck. To see that now we are going to have to put out even more money is very disappointing and makes me second guess my career path.

We are already in desperate need of more qualified therapist all over and this is going to cause a lot of the quality we currently have

to stop practicing. Please I beg of you do NOT make it any harder on us!

Sincerely,
Rebecca Richardson