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I am a licensed massage therapist and I would like to voice my opinion regarding the increase of relicensing fee from \$75 to \$200.

I think this is outrageous considering the amount of money many massage therapists earn. We are not guaranteed an income by our employer, instead we make money only when we see a client and we usually receive a percentage of the service price. We also receive no vacation or sick pay and do not receive employer paid medical insurance. We are in this profession because we love it, certainly not to get wealthy. Our income also depends on the economy. During a recession, massage is one of the first things to cut from a person's budget. Most health insurance companies will not recognize and reimburse for muscle therapy done by a licensed massage therapy.

I do not earn much and find \$200 would be a financial hardship. Please reconsider this increase.

Cynthia Cullen