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Increased fee proposal

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To whom it may concern,

The major increased fee proposal will hurt the industry. For those, such as myself, I only do massage therapy part time. I barely make enough money to pay for my continuing ed classes, insurance, and fees. I love being a massage therapist but if the fees go up I would probably have to give it up.

I used to do massage therapy full time but I had to cut it down. I had to take on a boring factory job just to get health insurance and 401k benefits. There are not many jobs in this industry that offer those important benefits. Most massage jobs that do are the big chain companies. They usually pay little for wages and overwork therapists to the point of self injury or burn out.

Please keep the cost down and let our industry continue to grow. We have had some success in proving massage is actually good for optimal health. Unfortunately we have a long way to go. It would be great to have insurance companies start covering massage. I know more people would be willing to try it. Many people would be more willing to have massages regularly. It would also provide more credibility to our industry. Maybe then increased fees would work.

Please allow us massage therapists to continue to help our clients. I know several massage therapists, myself included, that would be forced to give it up. Wasn't the whole purpose of licensure supposed to set standards, grow, and benefit the profession?

Thank you,

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