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From: Elizabeth Minker
To: ST. Regulatory Counsel
Subject: Fee Increase for Massage Therapists
Date: Monday, July 2, 2018 3:18:29 PM

Dear sir or madam,

I have just got done reading the proposal for the 3x increases in fee for renewal of licenses for Massage Therapists in the state of Pennsylvania. This may sound very insignificant to most, however, for small business massage therapist such as myself this is significant. It is Inconceivable to think that this increase is coming less than six months before our renewal date when we do not have time to prepare at all for it. It is also obscene to think that the costs for our board are so much that it is necessary to triple our renewals. It seems as though there may be some mismanagement of funds if this is occurring. With more massage therapist coming into the field and contributing to the licensing fee, it should actually be going down. At the very least the fees should be able to stay the same with the board generating more revenue. As a massage therapist, I will be forced to give up my license after having it and being a practicing massage therapist for over 20 years. I just cannot keep up with the increase in CEU costs plus equipment and now these fees. This then will decrease the overall revenue for the state of Pennsylvania as I will be out of a job and unable to contribute through taxes to the state. Please consider not increasing this fee or at the very least taking it from a \$75 fee to a \$100 at the most. This sounds like very poor planning. I am extremely upset and will continue to email and call daily if necessary so that my voice is heard. It is unconscionable to do this to people that are out there working so hard to contribute ethically in the Massage field. Thank you for your attention to this matter and I would greatly appreciate a response back.

Sincerely,
Beth Minker

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