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To: ST_RegulatoryCounsel
Subject: Increase of Licensure Fees is Unacceptable
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To Whom It May Concern:

As a self-employed Massage Therapist I can tell you that after I pay the rent for my office, laundry fees, supplies, health insurance, utilities, and more, the very little income I have left is put away so that I can pay for my Massage license, Massage insurance, and the INCREASINGLY expensive continuing education classes.

I feel that the board is increasing fees because they think it's easy money to rip off struggling massage therapists. It is already too expensive as it is. Most massage therapists are not making great money. We often have multiple jobs just to make a livable wage.

I want to know WHY these fees are increasing and WHAT the money is being used for. I am tired of being exploited just to be able to make a living in this state.

Hopefully there will be more people writing to you about this matter. It's absolutely unacceptable, ripping off hard working Massage Therapists simply because you have the power to.

I suggest, instead of being greedy, you do what's RIGHT and leave the fees as is.

Sincerely,

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