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To whom this may concern:

I have been a PA state licensed massage therapist for 19 years. Of course, many of these years, I practiced when there was no licensing in the state. I DO NOT WANT the biennial renewal raised from \$75 to \$200!! This is absolutely unnecessary and an undue financial hardship for many MTs, including myself, to afford on top of the continuing education fees. I get zero help paying my continuing education fees and license, nor do I receive an increase in salary for doing so. Also, because of the "chain" massage places that offer rock bottom pricing, it has cheapened the value of very experienced therapists with years of practice, knowledge, and skill like myself and many others. Pay for experienced MTs has remained stagnant. Clients want experienced therapists, but want to pay \$49. NO NO NO!! You PAY for what you get— PERIOD!!!! I NEVER see the licensing board advocating for higher fees for very experienced therapists with years of knowledge and training! It's bad enough from a financial standpoint that the renewal period is every 2 years. Many already struggle to pay for the license and CEUs as the system currently stands. I personally think it should be every 3 or 4 years. If the increase were to happen, I WILL leave the massage industry permanently as I'm sure many others will also. I urge you to rethink this.

Sincerely,
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Sent from my iPhone