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Hello,

I'm writing as a concerned Licensed Massage Therapist of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Once again, we are not a state, we are a commonwealth, meaning, YOU the leaders decide what's best for US, the taxpayers.

I'm one of the stupid ones that rallied to be licensed. I thought it would make us legitimate in the consumers eyes, that we were to be trusted. I proudly applied for my license.

And for what? I get to pay for continuing education, usually in other states. It feels like a lot of the reputable instructors had a hard time coming to a non-licensed state previously as no one needed continuing education here before. I thought, "Ok, give them some time to start to include us."

I also get to miss work for this mandatory continuing education which my current boss does not pay for, I have no vacation time to speak of, and she just LOVES when I miss work. I get to hear about how I inconvenience her and her clients when I have to miss work for 3 days. I say, "Well, it's only every other year, it's no big deal. "

I also enjoy having to pay more for my massage license than I do for my Esthetician license. So, in shorts, I pay more for: (even if I luck out and the class is within an hour or two of travel time.)

My license

My time off of work for mandatory continuing education

The ACTUAL cost of mandatory continuing education courses

Travel expenses: gas, wear and tear on my car, food, hotels

I have never been more disappointed IN MYSELF than for wanting to be legitimate.

There are a few "therapists" in my area that I hear that are practicing on paying clients that do not have a license. They aren't paying for continuing education, no insurance, no CPR classes, and there are no repercussions for their actions. I know that they've been turned in and nothing comes of it. What are we paying for?

I think, no, I KNOW For sure that there will be more of them. Myself may be included in that group and I have never ever felt that way before.

I am deeply disappointed.

Signed,

No longer proud in PA