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Dear regulatory board,

Please reconsider your proposal to increase the renewal fee for PA Massage Therapy Licenses. Going from \$75 to \$200 is a large expense. The majority of massage therapists do not make a large profit or income. The price of license renewal is not our only expense. We also need to pay for cpr/first aid, yearly insurance, and the price of taking all of the required continuing education courses. For those that own their own business, they will also have their business expenses on top of the other expenses. That doesn't even include living expenses. You may be thinking, "so what, that is the cost of business and we need to cover our own costs". That's true you do need to cover the costs of the board. What exactly will these fees be covering? what will we, as massage therapists, be getting in return from the board? Why should we be covering the cost of other boards? It sounds like the budget may need to be reworked or costs cut. We understand an increase in costs. We understand that initial cost proposals may have been too small. What we don't understand is why the increase is being placed almost entirely on renewing licenses; Why our profession in being gouged. This decision may have a backlash. Many may choose to not renew their licenses. Therapists who do this on the side, part time. Pennsylvania is a big state, with lots of rural areas. Pay, profit, and income is never constant in this line of work. That large increase is going to be very hard for many to adjust to. Please consider a lower fee.

A fellow concerned massage therapist