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From: Jane Miller
To: ST_RegulatoryCounsel
Subject: Re: Proposed fee Increases for massage therapists
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Hello,

I have been a massage therapist since 1997. Massage therapy is not an exceedingly lucrative job. Most of us do it because we love it and we genuinely care about our clients. It's also not a job that most people can do for 40 hours a week due to the strenuous nature of the work and the difficulty of having a clientele large enough to support a 40 hour work week. This being said, the fees associated with massage licensure are burdensome and should not be increased. The board should reevaluate their budget before trying to additionally burden massage therapists with higher fees.

It's already ridiculous that we have to have 25 hours of continuing education every 2 years. This is the same amount as medical professionals (doctors, nurses, psychologists) who make substantially more money than massage therapists and they are allowed to do more hours of online training than we are. It seems that the only thing licensure gained us is more fees. I haven't seen any of the seedy "massage parlors" closed down. Go to Club Risque (in Philadelphia) and similar establishments (strip clubs) and have them remove "masseuses" from their offerings and ads. That belittles and demeans our profession.

Best,
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