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I am writing to you to object to the massage license fee increase. Jumping from \$75 to \$200 is just ridiculous! I would just like to know what benefit I get out of paying the State a \$200 renewal fee? I am aware of many people contacting the board of massage therapy for various issues and complaints and have been told (by the board) they can't help them. So what do we have a massage board for??? There are still just as many illegal locations and uncertified therapist practicing. 99% of my clients aren't even aware that massage therapist need to be certified and licensed. So where is my license fee going? I have been a massage therapist for over 13 years and to be honest I have not seen any changes to our industry since we started paying licensure fees. Its a very competitive industry with a lot of good hard working therapist, who for the most part are in this profession to help people and lets face it most of us are not getting rich doing it. It's just a shame that the honest hard working people are the ones that get stuck with paying for all kinds of unnecessary and unhelpful government policies!

Thanks for hearing be out and please do not raise our fees to \$200!

Lisa Ogurcak