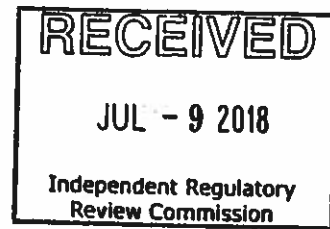


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**From:** Merle Plotkin  
**To:** ST. Regulatory Counsel  
**Subject:** License Fee Increase #16A-724 (#3203)  
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Dear Ms. Wolfgang,

Thank you for sharing the Proposed Fee Increase for PA Massage Therapists.

I have been a LMT since the beginning of the requirement for our licensure.

I have a major concern of the fee increase!

Could you please explain: How the Massage Therapy Board uses the money it collects for our licenses.

It seems like too large of an increase to me. I am a sole practitioner at this time and have been practicing massage therapy for 26 years. The increase will require me to raise the fees that I charge. I try and keep my fees low to enable lower income clients to receive the massage that help to keep them healthy.

I know it would be a hardship for these people to pay a higher rate to accommodate for the increase of my fees.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my opinion on the very important matter.

Sincerely,  
Merle Plotkin, LMT