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To Whom It May Concern,

Please DO NOT raise the rates on us! I think this will decrease the number of licensed massage therapists and the number of students who want to enter our field. Other states only need 12 CEU'S but we already require 24 every 2 years. Raising the rates for which we buy our licenses will force people to choose another career path. I love that our state has licensing for massage therapists. But, many people have decided already not to become massage therapists because they cannot afford the continuing education courses. This will only make it worse. Forcing us to pay \$200 every 2 years would be wrong! CEU providers, such as Pittsburgh School of Massage Therapy, already charge too much because they know we have to take the CEU'S or risk losing our license to practice. I believe the state should not follow suit. This is egregious and just the state's way of making more money from the working class. So, please, do not raise the rate for our licenses. It would be detrimental to our profession in this state.

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