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Jacqueline A. Wolfgang, Assistant Counsel,

I'm writing on behalf of the license renewal fees that are being increased from \$75 to \$200 for a massage therapist. I don't understand how this is even acceptable in any way. I believe what you are trying to do here is not raise money or profit for the board but eliminate the whole Massage Therapy profession. By the ridiculous increase in renewal rates you are making it even more impossible for massage therapists to stay licensed and continue working. Clearly you are not a massage therapist and you don't understand that we do not make the highest incomes, and most of us are already struggling to pay the high costs to take continuing education classes. It's just upsetting to me how a board of individuals who are meant to be on our side are seemingly our biggest enemies. I really believe this needs to be thought out more before this proposal gets passed. Maybe consider the hard working individuals who are working their ass off to provide for their families and stay respected licensed massage therapists. We might not be the highest paid profession, but one thing we do have is passion for what we do and we aren't going to sit back and let you rob us of our hard earned money. I would love to come sit in on a board meeting but like most people I have to make a living for my family and can't take the time off to be there. Just think about the thousands of people who is going to be affected by this increase because most won't have the ability to pay the high increase therefore won't renew their license. You could ultimately be putting thousands out of jobs by this insane increase in price. Please reconsider this increase before any final decisions are made. Thousands of people will thank you for it.

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