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**From:** Pam Baynard; Therapeutic Bodywork for Health  
**To:** ST. Regulatory Counsel  
**Subject:** Increased Fees for Massage Therapists  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 3, 2018 10:24:48 AM

To whom it may concern,

Thank you for taking the time to read our concerns regarding the increased rate for our licensure.

I have been a therapist since 2004. I have operated my own business since then as well. I as well as a lot of my colleagues need to have a second job to make ends meet. I am currently mentoring 2 new young therapists attempting to make a successful career of the massage therapy business. The classes required for CEU's are not inexpensive, the lowest class cost I have found is around \$85.00 for 4-5 CEU's. I personally just spent \$942.00 for 16 CEU's for a class I was interested in and enjoyed learning a new modality. Most therapists I have spoken at length with take classes if they are not expensive, just to get the necessary CEU's for the requirement. This is not what we want to do, most of us want to take classes to further our knowledge to help our clients, not take classes because it is what we can afford. My 2 protégés have admitted they don't know if they will be able to come up with your proposed increased licensure change along with the cost of classes. I am requesting that your fee stays the same rate of \$75.00 to help us stay in business, doing what we enjoy doing-- helping our clients in their health and wellness.

Sincerely,

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