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To Whom It May Concern,

In regard to the proposed fee increase for massage therapy license, approval of a CE program, and biannual renewal; I, being a massage therapist for the last 11 years, practicing in the state of Pennsylvania after graduating The Massage Academy of the Poconos in 2007 and holding license since it was regulated, am wholeheartedly OPPOSED to the increase.

As a group of professionals that often work as independent contractors, small business owners and part time therapists, our income is lower and less consistent than most occupations in the state. We currently have the initial cost of schooling (upwards of \$10,000 and never or extremely rarely offering financial aid), application fees, background check fees, CPR classes, insurance, license renewal fees and continuing education fees. Increasing these necessary fees for documents to continue working in the field of massage therapy will benefit NONE of the practitioners in this (MY) occupation.

Everyone of my colleagues have expressed concern and frustration over this proposed increase with the already high cost just to stay in business. I would appreciate if the board would take more consideration of the hardship an increase would cause to our Pennsylvania practitioners who are out to serve the greater good of our communities.

Regards,  
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