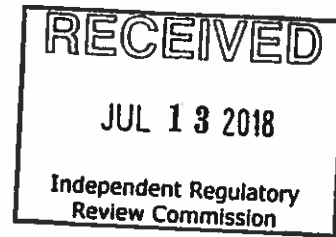


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From: Melissa Leonard
To: ST. Regulatory Counsel
Subject: #16A-724 (IRRC #3203)
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Dear Regulatory Board,

I write in opposition of the proposed 167% increase to the biennial massage therapist renewal fee. Not only is the proposed increase dramatic, but the Board fails to take into account the overall expenses related to maintaining licensure. Between CEU's, CPR, liability insurance, and Board fees, the cost is becoming too great for many to stay in the field. At the end of the day, many therapists are deciding to leave the field because the amount of money they make does not make fiscal sense, especially with ever increasing costs. Each year since licensure in PA there are fewer and fewer licensed massage therapists. This is not by accident.

I strongly oppose any increase in renewal fees and believe the Board should reconsider.

Thank you.

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