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To whom it may concern,

This email is in response to the upcoming increase for the massage license renewal. I want to voice my concerns and complaints about this issue. It comes down to a few major concerns.

Mainly, exactly how much money does the massage license board believe massage therapists make? We do not earn the kind of income that justifies such an increase in fees. As it stands we also must pay for contact hours which costs generally no less than \$300.00 for classes. Now add a few hundred onto that? We are not earning the kind of income to support this and its driving massage therapists to leave the field!

I want to add that I also hold an RN license and it only costs me less than \$100.00 for my renewal and that includes both renewal fee as well as classes that I easily obtain online.

Why this squeeze on Massage therapists? An RN makes more money and yet they do not have a license board who works against them this way.

Please reconsider this new fee hike and understand that we need to be treated more fairly, and fees need to be commensurate with what we make.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Merenda

*Sent from my LG G5, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone*