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Dear Mr. Boyle,

With all due respect, Sir, I wish to vehemently oppose the increase in massage therapy licensure from \$75 to \$200. This is an increase of 267%. Why is it thought that making the licensure cost so high will help legitimize our profession?

As a professional licensed massage therapist, I have a small practice, and I charge a reasonable rate so my clients can afford massage. This increase of \$125 represents about 2.5% of my total yearly income from massage. This, of course, does not include costs for classes, ethics, CPR courses, massage supplies and local and federal taxes.

I just read the Proposed Rulemaking (49 PA.CODE CH.43b), and I see what you have in store penalty-wise for therapists who are non-compliant. From what I have read, some professional massage therapists wanted to be sure that no non-qualified person could hang out a shingle and perform massage, so they pushed for licensure. This had good intentions, but I it made me think the cost of getting a license would increase eventually. We little guys are being financially squeezed with these regulations.

This increase will force massage therapists to raise their rates to their clients. Taxes are never paid by businesses or companies whether large or small; they are passed on to the consumers who are charged more for services/products or in this case, massages.

Thank you for your consideration.

A concerned massage therapist,

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