

From: Beth Heckman
To: ST_RegulatoryCounsel
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Dear Jacqueline Wolfgang,

I apologize for my last minute informal email but time is very limited for me with multiple jobs and a master's program. It has come to my attention that the state is proposing an increase to my licensure. This is very concerning to me as massage therapy is not my main means of income. I continue to enjoy helping clients but with the cost of my membership, continuing ed, licensure, etc., I often think it may not be financially advantageous any longer. Unlike others with licenses, massage therapists do not have an employer to pay for these costs. This is completely out of my pocket. I understand some reasons for Massage becoming licensed however it does not come with the perks of a doctor, nurse or physical therapist. Massage therapists are mostly contracted or self-employed yet we are held to very high standards regarding licensure. My friend who is a nurse does not need to do continuing ed in person and has told me her licensure is less expensive than mine. I have been told the same by my dental hygienist. These costs must be transferred to my clients and they are paying out of pocket for their health. Licensure has not created more perks or respect for massage. Honestly, licensure has only been a huge financial burden for me. Please do not increase the cost!! Massage therapists CANNOT afford it!

Sincerely,

Beth Heckman

Licensed Massage Therapist

13 years

Sent from my iPhone

