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Subject: Rate increase

To whom it may concern,

I am contacting you in regards to the rate increase for the Massage Therapy licensing renewal fees. I feel this increase from \$75 bi-annually, to \$200, is going to be a major hardship for many therapists. Between already high fees for continuing education courses, fees for required insurance, this almost, 1.7% increase is going to add more financial burden to Massage Therapists, making it hard to maintain licensure, and allowing those with their own practices to keep reasonable prices for their clientele. As a LMT, I already know the constant out of pocket expenses to make sure I am staying current and most of the time, over the required amount of CE's to further my knowledge and skills, is a large expense for my family. I feel that this increase will inhibit my financial ability to continue to further my scope of practice further than the requirements bi-annually.

I have heard from many of my past students who perform massage on the side that they will not be renewing their licenses because of the financial burden of this increase.

I am asking that you please think about the amount of LMT's who are also in the same situation, and the amount of people who may have to forfeit their licenses due to this.

Thank you,

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