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Dear Jacqueline Wolfgang, I am writing to you in regard to the increase in fees for Regulation #16A-724 (IRRC #3203). I understand that administration fees are costly and you may need to make adjustments in your yearly fees. I feel this proposed increase is very extreme. There has to be another way to subsidize or decrease your administration cost. I would not be opposed to a moderate increase. Possibly 20%-30% this coming 2019 biennial renewal and maybe a smaller increase in 2021. But what your proposing, is a very significant increase in fee costs. With a lower increase, you should be able to still repay the PLAA, it may just take longer. Would you also consider giving the new therapist, right out of school, a discount from the increase for a few years. That would help them become economically established and pay down their school loan. I hope the Pennsylvania Board of Massage Therapy can come up with a reasonable plan that will help both the board and the therapists.

Sincerely, Charles Mittnacht, LMT

