

CLARION AREA CHAMBER OF BUSINESS & INDUSTRY

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Dear Assistant Counsel Wolfgang,

On behalf of the Clarion Area Chamber of Business & Industry, I am writing this letter regarding the Proposed Fee Increases for Pennsylvania Massage Therapists.

We have Chamber member businesses who are licensed Pennsylvania Massage Therapists who, under these proposed increases, will be impacted. In speaking with these chamber members, they have voiced concerns as to the future of their businesses. As a Chamber, hearing that a member or two may have to reconsider their future, is truly something we do not like to hear or see.

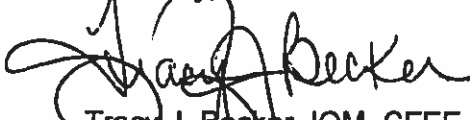
Our community, as many other communities, still struggles with the economic recession, and these proposed fees of increased application fee for initial massage therapy from \$65 to \$100, the fee for approval of a continuing education program from \$65 to \$100, and particularly the biennial renewal fee from \$75 to \$200 will have a huge impact on small businesses.

As a Chamber, we encourage small businesses. They are the backbone of our Commonwealth. These three proposed fee increases especially happening at the same time is something that strongly needs to be revisited. We don't want to lose our small businesses. What they offer to our community helps improve the Quality of Life.

Our member businesses who are massage therapists, have passion and bring a positive impact to our community, so please reconsider these regulations.

We enthusiastically decline to support the regulations as they are presented at this time.

Sincerely,


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Executive Director