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From: Crystal Brown
To: ST. Regulatory Counsel
Subject: Proposed Massage License Increase
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Good Morning,

I would like to voice my concern on the proposed Massage Therapy License increase. I have been a practicing massage therapist for over 17 years. I have always been up to date on my education, being a member of the National Board prior to the state taking over regulations for the state of PA.

My concern with this increase is therapist just won't be able to afford it. We will loose many part time therapist, like myself, who after 17 years would love to continue doing massage part time (as it becomes tough on the body after many years to continue full time) and who also holds 2 other state licenses at this time. The cost of these licenses, continuing education, liability insurance and practice expenses are to much for the small business owner, or employee.

I can understand raising the price but an increase that high is unheard of! I am also a Esthetician and Physical Therapist Assistant - and the licensing fees for those professions are not nearly that high. If those state boards can be managed at the cost of those licenses, why can't the massage board budget and do the same?

Please reconsider this rate hike. I hate to see therapist stop practicing or have to raise their rates due to this increase.

Thank you,

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