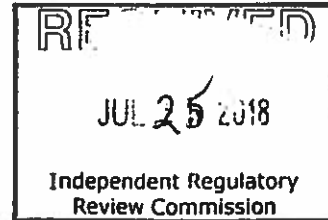


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From: Doreena Balestreire
To: ST. Regulatory Counsel
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To whom it may concern,

The proposed licensure fee increase is 166.6% repeating for existing licensed Massage Therapists. I have worked full time in massage for 8 years. You are effecting my small business. At the same time, Physical Therapists are getting direct access for insurance, I am not entitled to bill insurance for massage. I have studied to the highest level of thought leaders who are teaching anyone who wants to learn. The cost that is proposed is viewing a massage license as part of the current medial field which is not the proper reality yet. Massage therapy has been excluded from insurance, yet the state wants to treat my license as if it is included as medical care. I struggle to make a salery as people want insurance to pay for massage. My rates are too low and now I will have to raise them.

If the state wanted to do things correctly, it would require all massage therapists to become board certified because that is what is being demanded by the profession to be included in science-based research wellness prevention and care. Our profession needs a standard of excellence first before our licenses should be charged at a rate of a medical provider.

I will be successful no matter what. I am not a victim. But this is not a good choice. I will just cut back supporting charities (sorry sick children and local parks and animal friends), the state is using my license as a fundraiser for its own profit.

So much for welcoming others to Pa to pursue your happiness. This choice would limit me from moving to Pa and practicing massage.

Please reconsider how much of an increase is proposed. An increase from 75-100 would be understandable but more than this is just greed. It doesn't get my support.

You are taking away opportunities for those who succeed to employ others at a time when job growth could more aptly support the state. Small thinking is never a solution.

With integrity for my field and career and those who want a chance also,

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