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To Jacqueline Wolfgang,

I would like to express my concern over not just fee increases but fee increases tripling in cost. Any business would consider some cost in expenses and licenses appropriate. I am of the point of view as I read the reason that fees can be increased that Fines although hard to be enforced are an area to be assessed. This triple raise in cost to licensed therapists is like penalizing drivers and not penalizing speeders. Who is to find or report the unlicensed massage operators working out of beauty salons and malls and what is listed as law on your books would be a considerable fine? I was discussing this in a class with other therapists as we talked about renewing our license and classes. My costs over the two year period range \$600 plus dollars that I have to earn and alot from my business, plus time off from earning that income for classes. And now you are considering higher fees and increases when I can view in my town possibly 3 to 4 unlicensed and advertising massage business at nail and beauty salons. Are you policing and shutting them down and stopping my competition, who reports them, what about their cash income to the state? All these are offenses to me the legitimate business owner and licensed massage therapist, paying for classes and paying taxes. It is time for further action rather than raising fees on legitamate business.

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