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Hello,

In regards to the proposed bill to increase the licensing fee for professional massage therapist, I am strongly opposed to the increase and it being so dramatic of an increase! When I went to school to become a professional MT my intention was to not have to live paycheck to paycheck. I fell in love with this industry and can't picture myself doing anything else in life. Currently still paying student loans and trying to keep up with life's bills has been a struggle. It's difficult as of right now to even afford to take the required continuing education classes every two years. This is a potentially great money making industry but personally I feel like I'm working for minimum wage with everything that holding a license requires. Many therapist can't even afford health coverage...and I'm one of them! It's very sad that many people still view massage as a "luxury" and I can see why. The massage industry needs to move forward in a more affordable direction because it is preventative for many common ailments! I appreciate the time to voice my opinion on the matter regardless if the increase happens. I truly believe that many therapist would leave this industry because it is expensive to keep up with and it would be a shame. Thank you for your time. Holly Alger. Nypunk18@yahoo.com

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