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Hello Ladies and Gentlemen,

As a massage therapist, I am writing to you to ask that the proposed fee increase for the biennial renewal fee to continue to practice massage therapy in Pennsylvania NOT be increased.

I have not seen a clear answer for the need for doing this other than 'revenue is needed', yet some other PA professional licensure fees I understand have been reduced.

Massage therapists are responsible for purchasing their own health insurance. Benefits such as paid holidays and vacations do not exist. They need to purchase their own practice liability insurance too.

Many times therapists do not receive the full fee for massage therapy services as a commission fee is deducted.

In addition, I understand it is also proposed that a fee for CEU providers will be increased too. Consequently, Massage therapists will need to pay more for their required CEU's.

I understand that everyone needs to take their responsibility to support the community, but the increase does not support massage therapists who daily provide preventive services to support the community at large so there is less cost to the health care industry and for the client to have more energy and less pain to be more productive citizens.

Thank you for your consideration, and perhaps an explanation for the need for the fee increase.

Sincerely,

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