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Hello,

I just received notice from Nina over at HACC that there is a possibility that massage licensing fees will go up to \$200 this renewal period. I'd like to write and offer feedback that increasing the fees for licensing is a serious cost prohibition for our family of 6. I work massage part time and work hard to save in order to keep my license current, and being able to afford basic renewal courses. In many cases there are courses I cannot attend, due to cost, so I seek to find the least expensive. Last renewal period I paid aprox. \$500 for all my renewal classes and fees, and with the licensing fees going up it's going to quite possibly be a barrier for entry, particularly for those of us working part time. On a good week I'm able to manage about 6 clients. Not counting any of my costs for massage materials, it would take me approximately two weeks of work simply to cover costs for renewal. Thankfully I'm not losing half of my wages to operational expenses, and I work from home, but I incur costs of website, basic marketing materials, insurances, massage materials, and add into that renewal fees and Continuing Education. None of this considers the wear and tear on the body, long term, and maintenance and health requirements for my continued longevity. Increasing this fee another \$125 will cause me to seriously consider whether this is a viable income source, moving forward. I wanted to voice my concern and objection to the price increase, and ask for the Board's consideration for those in positions of part time self-employed seeking to retain what we have worked so hard to achieve to begin with.

Thank you,  
~Jennifer Kindrick

