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From: Jennifer Panza
To: ST, Regulatory Counsel
Subject: Proposed New Regulations for Massage Therapy Licensure
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Jaqueline A Wolfgang, Assistant Counsel,

It has been brought to my attention by ABMP and my Facebook community of Massage Therapists, that The Pennsylvania Board of Massage Therapy is proposing new regulations which would increase the application fee for initial massage therapy licensure from \$65 to \$100, the fee for approval of a continuing education program from \$65 to \$100, and the biennial renewal fee from \$75 to \$200.

When I read this news I was shocked and surprised. I do understand that the Board needs to address their financial obligations, after all they are running a business. I do, however, object to the amount of the increase, it will be a hardship on myself and my colleagues.

According to the PA code for Physical Therapists PA code 40.5 Fees, the biennial renewal fee is \$90 for Physical Therapists. Please explain to me how the PA Board finds this fair and equal treatment? We LMT's will be expected to pay more than double what the PT's pay and we make significantly lower incomes. I implore you to do what you can to change this proposal to a more equitable amount, I feel it should be \$90 to be fair and equal to the Physical Therapy Board.

I am fine with PA licensing Massage Therapy, I do feel it makes our profession more credible within the healthcare community. I do however, ask the board to not take advantage of us with this outrageous increase and find another way to deal with your debt.

Sincerely,
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