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**To:** ST. Regulatory Counsel  
**Subject:** Objection to current proposal to Increase licensure fees.  
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Dear Department of State and State Board of Massage Therapy:

I very much object to your proposal to increase licensing fees for massage therapists especially in the area of the biennial renewal of license. I could understand a modest increase of \$10 to \$15. However, you have proposed an increase from \$75 to \$200 which is an increase of over 100%, actually more than that which is astounding; that seems to have no benefits for massage therapists but in fact will create more financial burdens on massage therapists. It is not like massage therapists as a group make a lot of money. The majority of therapists do not work at one place or have 1 job because they can not afford to. In fact they have to spend money to take continuing education classes to renew their license which is usually in the \$100 to \$400 range which is not easy financially for many people. The only thing this proposal will do is encourage more people to leave the profession of massage therapy which **should not** be the goal of the State Board of Massage and will therefore lead to less licensed massage therapists, and consequently **less revenue** for the State Board in the long run due to the fact the number of LMTs would decrease.

Therefore, I ask you to seriously reconsider your current proposal for the increase of licensure fees; and if you still want to increase the fees, to help the State Board's Budget make it a more modest increase in the \$5 to \$15 which would be less of a financial burden on all massage therapists in PA.

Thank you for your consideration in this manner.

Sincerely,

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