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To: ST. Regulatory Counsel
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Dear Council/Board,

I understand our Massage License renewal fees are to increase from \$75 to \$200.
This is a substantial jump in price, and I have no idea what the additional fee will be use for.

I am contesting this large increase.

I have been providing the service of therapeutic massage for many years as a part time business, as I am also an artist and writer. I have loyal clients, I enjoy my work as a massage therapist, and my clients really appreciate my services.

Such a significant rise in fees will make me reconsider whether I want to continue providing massage, since it would constitute a larger portion of my earnings because of my part time status.

I really do hope that you reconsider.

Some additional thoughts I have:

Are the fees absolutely necessary? Or are they just indicative of a growing bureaucracy that "of it's own nature just must get bigger and bigger" whether or not it is actually serving the needs of the community that it was originated to serve. Is it beginning to serve itself and not the massage therapists? These are the questions that I ponder when I see an increase such as this without any information shared as to it's purpose.

Thank you for listening/reading.

Kind regards,
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