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Ms. Wolfgang:

I am vehemently opposed to the proposed increase for PA Licensed Massage Therapist. The licensure fees should remain as they currently stand.

Obviously, the Board did not plan accordingly when projecting future revenue. This lack of vision shouldn't be passed the the Massage Therapists of PA. Most massage therapists are not in a traditional "salaried" position, but work for a "per client" percentage or independently and therefore will have difficulty with this increase. A small increase might be expected, but the proposed increase is in no way insignificant! The board's assumption that employers pay the licensure fees for Therapists is certainly not the norm. (As a PA Licensed Social Worker, I can assure you that even large companies no longer pay licensure fees. It is the responsibility of the therapist. AND I would like to ask BOB JANTSCH if he pays for the licenses of the instructors at his school.) The Board should recognize that the Massage Therapists of PA are doing things as required by the Board so well that there are not enough "fees, fines, and civil penalties". When grant revenue is given to an entity, that entity should be able to prove sustainability AFTER the grant revenue has been used. The Board should be held to this and provide alternatives for it's own sustainability. I implore the Board to reconsider the \$125 increase.

Regards,

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