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To the Board:

I have been a massage therapist since 1997. I am Board Certified through NCBTMB. This proposed increase will place a burden on most massage therapists. We are required to complete 24 continuing education hours every 24 months along with CPR certification. So I pay additional fees to stay board certified to maintain my credentials as well. I agree with continuing education.

Regulation maintains standards and keeps everyone safe and I am grateful for licensure. So I would ask for a modest increase and to consider the following:

What I find extremely unfair is licenses like cosmetology and estheticians require NO CONTINUING EDUCATION. THESE LICENSES APPLY CHEMICALS AND OTHER PRODUCTS ALONG WITH EQUIPMENT USAGE.

If the renewal fee needs to be increased then lower the con't ed requirement. These courses can be very expensive. There are many therapist that make a great living from this license but if you price maintaining it out of their reach and mine we will be forced to reconsider staying in this profession.

I thank you for your time and attention.

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