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My name is Samantha Gerlesky and I do not agree with the proposed fee increase for PA Licensed Massage Therapists. I disagree with the proposed fee because I find the fee to be too costly. From what I have come to understand, most employment opportunities for Massage Therapists in PA are considered part-time or strictly have commissioned based pay. That alone can make it difficult for currently Licensed Massage Therapists to pay the high prices that come along with enrolling in the required continuing education classes every two years. Also, When being considered a part-time employee, that effects being eligible for company provided health care benefits. If you are not eligible for company benefits, you then must apply for benefits on your own, and that can become very costly. This fee will personally effect me because I have just recent gotten married and just started employment at a newly opened spa. Most of my savings have gone into paying for my wedding or to keep me afloat until business at my new employer picks up. I feel this fee is really going to put a strain on me financially and could lead to me considering whether or not I can renew my license. I hope I do not have to consider not renewing my license because I truly do love being a massage therapist.

Thank

you for your time,

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