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Dear Ms Wolfgang,

I have been a practicing Massage Therapist here in Pennsylvania for over 15 years. I work very hard for my clients, maintain or exceed my continuing education requirements, and regularly give back to my community.

I just became aware that there is a proposal to increase the biennial license renewal fee from \$75 to \$200. This will be a hardship for me and for many of my colleagues—especially such a large and unexpected increase in fee. You may or may not be aware that people are facing a lot of economic uncertainty and hardship right now, so paying for massage therapy isn't necessarily first on everyone's list.

I am fortunate to have a good practice; however, there are only so many hours I personally can work and I have many other obligations (parents/home/kids...). In addition, the cost of continuing education has skyrocketed—even without travel expenses.

Please reconsider this fee increase to make it more manageable for those of us who work very hard in this field. I LOVE what I do and wouldn't choose to do anything else, but it is hard to make a good honest living.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

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