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I would like to respectfully but strongly voice my disapproval, distress and frustration at the proposal to raise fees for license renewal, etc. concerning Licensed Massage Therapists. We all know that no LMT is making exorbitant amounts of income, even if they work like machines, leading to physical burnout, let alone being able to pay for their supplies, clothing, advertising etc. I personally can only work part time due to arthritis, hypothyroidism and general aging and make nowhere near a livable income. To further stress an already unbalanced community is reprehensible. I propose that fees for us have a sliding scale, based on actual hours or yearly income. I can barely afford the CE class fees, oils and creams now, not to mention we have to take off work to attend these classes just to be able to renew. I emphatically urge you to not raise any fees, reduce the amount of class credits needed and take a humane approach to a career devoted to relieving stress, promoting healing and general well being to others to ourselves as well. Thank you, Sherri Hertzog, proud LMT

