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From: LM  
To: ST\_RegulatoryCounsel  
Subject: fee increase....reference Regulation #16A-724 (IRRC #3203)  
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7/26/18. I have 3 separate issues regarding this regulation. Please read each paragraph in its entirety to understand why I have taken the time to write.

**First.** The fee should be increased (if at all) **gradually**. I am not against the fee increase, but in am against how BIG the jump is. first it was \$65, currently its \$75. Soon it may be as much as \$200?! **Why not increase to \$100** . I think that would not only help "pay" for the States Boards issues but also help Massage therapists on a tight budget. We already have to pay for our own continuing education, take time out of our work to take these classes, and pay for transportation to get to the class. This has already stretched us very thin monetarily. I love being a massage therapist and take pride in the work I do. I enjoy doing massage not just as a job, but because I really enjoy making people feel better. But now I feel weighed down. All I think about is, will I be able to make ends meet financially? Its very distressing.

**Second.** Will the fee of \$75 for renewal increase? I have received emails from A.B.M.P. stating that it will increase. However, other massage therapists have called in and spoke to a secretary at the State board of massage therapy and that secretary asked a member of the board of massage therapy. The reason they called is to ask the same question: will renewal fees increase? When they asked, the secretary (after asking a board member) **answered with "No", then the therapists asked for that answer in writing as confirmation.** I find this all very upsetting. **Does that mean that those with a written confirmation will only have to pay the \$75 fee and others who don't have that will have to pay a higher amount?** Lin Roussel has confirmed this information to be accurate. I would like to have a written statement that the fee will not increase.

**Third.** In addition, I would like to **renew my license NOW, please.** I have all the requirements met. Please, **Where can i fill out my renewal form?** I have looked on my pals registration website page. I want to do so as soon as possible. I called PA State Board of Massage Therapy over an hour ago and am still holding on the **phone line waiting.** I don't know if maybe there are no phone representatives? How long should one wait on the phone line to speak to a representative? At this moment of writing this message, I have waited a **total of 1 HOUR and 39 min.** on the date of 7/26/2018.

Thank you for your time and understanding.  
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