

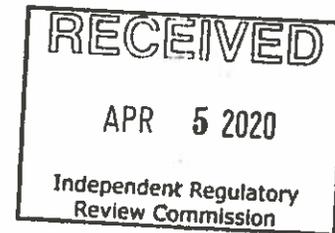
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To Whom It May Concern,

I was just recently made aware of the proposed reckless, massive increase in Pennsylvania Osteopathic licensing fees.

First of all, it is quite suspect to me that this information is just now being disseminated, with minimal time for physicians to act. Secondly, the proposed increase is astronomical, and completely inappropriate. I cannot think of ANY fee or service that I have ever experienced proposing such a disproportional increase. If there is such an imminent budget deficit, the only explanation can be mismanagement and lack of foresight over an extensive period of time at the highest level of the state board.

This fee increase, together with the high cost of medical education and the increased demands both monetarily and in time required to maintain certification, will drive people away from medicine as a career, and Osteopathic medicine in particular. As a medical student and in my training I often heard the phrase "DO's eat their young"; never has this been more evident.

I do understand that there will be a need to increase fees over time, but there is nothing that can justify imposing this type of fleecing of Osteopathic physicians. I strongly suggest you reconsider this action and consider other solutions (such as partnering with the allopathic board) to this issue.

Thank you,

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