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Submitted Written Testimony

Dear Chair Kornheiser

I am writing to express my concern over the fees being placed on massage therapists in our state.

OPR does not license massage therapists. The level of regulation is simply Registration. Massage therapists are now expected to pay the same or more than some fully licensed professionals regulated by the OPR.

There was a low initial application fee of \$75 in 2021 which was commensurate with the level of regulation. Now, renewal fees are a staggering \$275 for two-year coverage!

There must be an equitable and transparent fee structure that reflects the level of regulation imposed on massage therapists. I stand with the call for lower registration fees and increased regulation for registration or licensure in the massage therapy profession in our state. Please consider this during Wednesday's vote.

Thank you for your attention,

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