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Submitted Written Testimony

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Dear Chair Kornheiser

I am writing to express my concern over the fees being placed on Massage therapists in Vermont.

OPR does not license massage therapists. The level of regulation is Registration, although we continue to request full Licensure.

Regarding fees – There was a low initial application fee of \$75 which we felt was commensurate with the level of regulation .Now, renewal fees are a staggering \$275! Massage therapists are now expected to pay the same or more than some fully licensed professionals regulated by the OPR.

There must be an equitable and transparent fee structures that reflect the level of regulation imposed on massage therapy professionals.

Also, the Registration does nothing to protect the public as there is no defined scope of practice, no standards of education, and no plan for continuing education.

Thank you,

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