

United States Organization of Licensed Massage Therapists, Phoenix, Arizona

February 1, 2021

Arizona State Board of Massage Therapy  
C/O Kevin Ramsay, Board Member  
1740 West Adams Street #3401  
Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Governor's Regulatory Review Committee,

We, the undersigned became aware of the following proposed changes to the Arizona State Board of Massage's regulations by the Governor's Regulatory Review Committee:

1. Possible changes to the board design
2. Reduction of Required Entry Level Education Hours of Licensed Massage Therapists
3. Reduction or elimination of Required Continuing Education hours
4. Eliminating the English Proficiency exam

We urge you to continue the board design as is. It is imperative the Arizona State Board continue to have Licensed Massage Therapists serving on the State Board. There should be no increase in the number of public member seats, as these public members do not understand our profession the way that Licensed Massage Therapists do. We must continue to have professional representation on the regulatory board.

We urge you to reconsider any reduction in entry level education hours and continuing education hours. We believe the entry level education period is of utmost importance to future licensees. Entry level education provides solid foundation of hands-on application and knowledge of the human body including anatomy, physiology, kinesiology, and pathology. Lessening entry level hours reduces competency and knowledge of newly graduated licensees.

The purpose of continuing education is to continually upgrade the skills and knowledge of the practicing Licensed Massage Therapist. Without required continuing education hours, massage therapists in the state would lose out on valuable learning opportunities. Also, the massage industry is expanding in opportunities within medical settings such as integrative clinics and hospitals. It is imperative continuing education remains intact to ensure therapists are obtaining the skill sets to work in these new settings.

As Licensed Massage Therapists, Business Owners, and Continuing Education Providers in the State of Arizona, we stand together in support of the status quo and maintaining high standards for the occupation of massage therapy.

Sincerely,

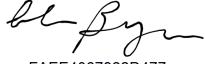
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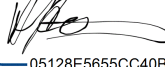
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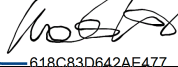


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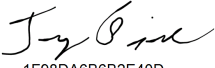


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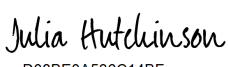


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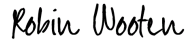
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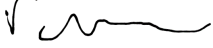


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