



TO :

House Government Committee
House Rules Committee
State of Arizona

Date : February 1, 2024

Dear Members of the House Government Committee & the House Rules Committee

I am writing to you today to oppose HB2169. I understand this bill was assigned to both of your respective committees and was scheduled for a hearing, then struck from the agenda. Before this bill moves back to one of your committees for a vote, I ask you to please consider the following:

Based on my organization's research, the majority of Massage Therapists in the state of Arizona would rather be moved under the Arizona Medical Board or the Arizona Nursing Board. The massage therapy profession has been fighting for legitimacy in healthcare for many years and has worked diligently to change public perception that massage therapy is not a luxury or aesthetic service, but, a health care profession that serves clients in many different medical and clinical settings, providing pain relief, relief from mental health challenges, cancer treatment, stress reduction, and more.

The United States Organization of Licensed Massage Therapists (USOLMT), centered in Phoenix, Arizona, asks that you please vote no on this bill. We understand there have been challenges with the current board, however, ideally, we would like to see legislation that addresses those challenges, rather than a merger. However, if there is to be a merger, it would be in the best interest of the massage therapy profession in Arizona to be merged with a board that is associated with healthcare professions.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Rodriguez
Chief Executive Officer



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