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A response to the Questionnaire submitted from the AMTA in regard to HF 1275 Massage bill:

The answers in this questionnaire do not address the question of harm. I see nothing in the answers to provide facts about harm being done, therefore, this bill does not meet the criteria of 214.001 subd 2. Without this proof, the remainder of this questionnaire is moot, and the bill is untenable.

I have owned Healing Touch Spa (located in Rochester) since 1987 and have never had a client claim that they were injured, harmed or hurt in any way - never. "The proposed legislation would reduce the risk to the public as the practice of therapeutic massage includes the potential risk of client injury or harm given the procedures used by massage therapists during the course of treatment."

We work with Mayo Clinic patients who have all the medical issues (and more) that are listed in the Questionnaire. We have worked with clients with the issues listed since 1987 - none of these issues are new to our profession.
"massage therapy is becoming rapidly integrated into the healthcare system for treatment of varied conditions including cancer, asthma, osteoarthritis, chronic low back and neck pain, headache, soft tissue injury, depression, anxiety, effects of premature birth, temporomandibular joint pain, digestive disorders, fibromyalgia, nerve pain and insomnia related to stress among other conditions.

Thank you for considering this facts in thinking about whether it's necessary to license Massage Therapy to "protect the public"

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May our lives be lived not pushed by our problems, but led by our visions

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