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TO:

Members of the Health Coverage, Insurance, and Financial Services Committee

My name is Jane Irving. I am a resident of Castine, Maine. As of May 2025, I will have been a licensed massage therapist in Maine for 31 years. I was previously licensed in Massachusetts for 7 years.

I oppose LD 409, the Interstate Massage Compact. Professional mobility is needed and wanted. However, the way in which the compact wants to implement it concerns me. Maine cannot seem to keep with illicit massage businesses at bay. Businesses that are staffed by several licensed MT's who all have the same name. A person who was arrested for prostitution in Rockland recently, at a business associated with sex trafficking, is licensed and remains licensed. The state needs to address this before they start informing me, I have to take another test and prove my worth. I have already done that.

The compact will not allow grandfathering. Why is that? I think forcing us rather than grandfathering us allows for their revenue stream to compensate themselves.

Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards Salary

 Job Salary	 Job Openings	 Job Pricing	 Pay Equity	 Get Surveys	 Company Job Salary
JOB TITLE	SALARY RANGE	AVERAGE SALARY	COMPANY NAME		
President	\$497,372 - \$833,750	\$653,778	Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards		
Executive Director	\$136,146 - \$173,170	\$154,327	Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards		
Director, Government Relations	\$127,739 - \$169,104	\$146,640	Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards		
Manager, Marketing & Communications	\$81,024 - \$106,701	\$92,957	Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards		
Manager, Operations	\$77,765 - \$99,056	\$89,966	Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards		
Director, Continuing Education	\$72,657 - \$105,690	\$87,519	Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards		
Executive Assistant	\$60,275 - \$76,080	\$67,744	Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards		
Government Relations Specialist	\$59,158 - \$75,371	\$67,213	Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards		

 DISCLAIMER: The salary range presented here is an estimation that has been derived from our proprietary algorithm. It should be noted that this range does not originate from the company's factual payroll records or survey data.

Don't get me wrong, good for them! I do not begrudge anyone making a living. What I don't appreciate is when it's made off the backs of people who have already established themselves as legitimate working professionals.

If FSMTB wants this then let's comprise and allow grandfathering.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Jane Irving