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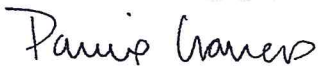
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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter in support of licensure of massage therapists in Alaska. As a referring practitioner, I feel that it is safer for my patients to be evaluated by a properly trained massage therapist who is held to a specified standard of training. Massage therapists play an integral role in the evaluation and management of disease. Licensure will help to ensure that basic entry-level education and examination standards are met. The majority of other states have already taken this approach to ensure the safety of their patients, massage therapists, and medical community.

I strongly support the stance to create a licensure requirement for massage therapy in Alaska. If you have any questions in regards to this letter feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,


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