

To: Alaska Legislators and Staff

I am writing in opposition of Executive Order 127.

I am a client of a Licensed Massage Therapist. I rely on her services to ensure my good health and wellbeing. I have been receiving massage for many years and feel it is a vital part of my ability to live without pain.

Should EO127 pass I am concerned that my therapist may not have the Board to rely on for ensuring Public Protection, fees may rise due to a need for more oversight from staff in lieu of a volunteer board. Should Licensing Fees rise I am concerned what I pay for massage will rise as well. I work with a massage therapist who keeps her rates affordable which allows me to focus on my wellbeing rather than a random massage a few times a year.

I have had a conversation with my therapist and her concerns are the Board will be replaced with additional employees decreasing the Oversight and Accountability that comes with a Board of peers.

Lack of passion and care can come with removing a board and moving licensing duties to the Department leading to mistakes and applicants being moved through without the due diligence of a Board to deny fraudulent applicants.

Please move to disallow this Executive Order.

Thank you

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