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To Whom It May Concern;

I am writing this letter in support of HB 328 and SB 188, thereby establishing a regulatory board for the profession of Massage Therapy. As a Chiropractor, I have worked along side many Massage Therapists who have enhanced the care provided, aiding in the advancement of the patients' healing process. Standards and regulations for this profession need to be established and monitored.

The Chiropractic and Massage Therapy professions have been working together for many years and it is past time for Massage Therapists to be self-regulated. The passing of these bills will be a positive step for this profession to regulate itself through licensure, and establishing and promoting a high professional standard of ethical and moral conduct. This board will help protect the health, welfare, and safety of the public through regulatory standard establishment, enforcement, and continuing education requirements for re-licensure. More and more, third party payers for health services are requiring that Massage Therapists have some certificate of competency before considering reimbursement for services rendered. This board and the licenses it will issue will fill this void for many of those Therapists who do not currently hold any certification or license. The requirement of continuing education will help keep licensees knowledgeable in technique and on track with moral concerns.

It is well established that Massage Therapy can greatly aid in the healing process of injury to the human body. The profession of Massage Therapy can only move forward and gain support through regulation and the establishment of conduct and moral guidelines.

Sincerely,

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Chairman of the Board of Chiropractic Examiners