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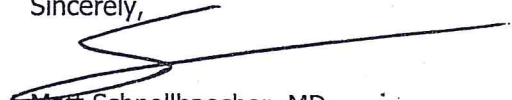


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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in support of the effort to establish a licensing board for massage therapy in the state of Alaska. It has been my experience that massage therapy offers great benefits complementary to the allopathic medical approach. It is in the best interest of patients and massage therapists alike that the public has confidence in their training and that professional standards are enumerated and obeyed. The establishment of a Board of Massage Therapists and licensure requirement is a crucial first step. Feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,



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