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Senator \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Albany, NY 12247

Dear Senator \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

As a NYS Licensed Massage Therapist and a resident of your district, I am writing to request your cosponsorship and support of Senate bill 2488.

Senate bill 2488 (LaValle)/Assembly bill 4433 (Thiele) reduces the number of persons someone may aid or abet in the use of a professional title (e.g. LMT) and clarifies that the practice of esthetics does not include massage therapy. It is a misdemeanor to use the title of massage therapist by unlicensed or unauthorized persons and it is a Class E felony to practice massage therapy without a license or authorization. Aiding abetting one or two unlicensed people should carry the same penalty as aiding abetting three or more unlicensed persons as provided under current law. Also, the bill clarifies that the practice of esthetics does not include massage therapy as defined in the Education Law.

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me with any questions. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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