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Dear Minnesota Representatives:

My name is Diane Miller, and I am an attorney and Director of Law and Public Policy for National Health Freedom Action. I continue to be a member of the Minnesota Natural Health – Legal Reform Project as a co-founder, and our NHFA offices are housed here in Minnesota. As a national leader I have a broad perspective of the regulations for complementary and alternative health care laws.

We have reviewed MN HF 644 for massage regulation, and oppose this type of legislation. Minnesota is a leader in the country regarding the laws for complementary and alternative health care. Minnesota overwhelmingly passed Minnesota Statute 146A in 1999, to address the many types of health care practices being offered to consumers of Minnesota that are non-invasive and do not pose an imminent risk of harm to health-seekers. This very effective law protects the right of the state to prohibit practitioners from practicing when the state receives a complaint and the practitioner has not complied with one of the 27 paragraphs of prohibited acts, or when a practitioner has not given out their proper disclosure that they are not a licensed health care professional.

The strength of MN146A is that it eliminates turf battles between practitioner groups that want to compete with each other, as well as it protects access for consumers to all complementary and alternative health care practitioners that are being practiced safely in Minnesota. Many states have worked to pass the Minnesota Model and 8 additional states now protect access to the unlicensed complementary and alternative practitioners, with many more states in the forward process.

Please oppose the unnecessary licensing or registration of massage therapists. We already have MN 146A, which is working very well. And support the concept that all practitioners of complementary and alternative health care including bodywork and massage that are in compliance with MN 146A should be exempt from any municipal educational requirements which are not required in MN 146A. However municipalities should retain the right to require background checks and business license for their business professionals.

Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely with Regards,

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Director of Law and Public Policy

Mission Statement

To promote access to all health care information, services, treatments and products that the people deem beneficial for their own health and survival; to promote legislative reform of the laws impacting the right to access; and to promote the health of the people of this nation.