PETITION TO KEEP THE OREGON BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY

Governor Kulongoski, in a speech on May 15, 2009, said that he wanted to suspend the massage board. Massage therapists and their customers want to keep the Oregon Board of Massage Therapy (OBMT) in its present semi-independent status. Previous to the existence of the OBMT, massage was unregulated and dominated by interests that exploited women, equated massage with sex, endangered the public and exposed legitimate massage therapists to harassment.

If the Governor suspends the massage board (or eliminates it or combines it with other boards) both the public and thousands of massage therapists across the state will be subject to dangerous, unregulated, exploitive massage. Oregon is now considered a leader in safe, regulated massage. Suspending the OBMT reverses nearly 60 years of effective regulation in Oregon.

Petition: We, the undersigned, call on the Governor and the Legislature to preserve the OBMT in its present form.

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I hereby certify that I witnessed the signing of this signature sheet by each individual whose signature appears on this signature sheet.

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