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Ms. Brenda Landwehr, Chairwoman
Kansas House Health and Human Services Committee
Docking State Office Building
915 SW Harrison, Rm. 785
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Dear Ms. Landwehr and Committee Members,

Thank you for taking the time to conduct this hearing. This testimony is to express to the Health and Human Services Committee that I am in support of House Bill No. 2564. The bill is straightforward and addresses all of my past concerns.

I have practiced massage therapy for almost 17 years with no complaints against me. I am a business owner and work with nine other massage therapists. Most of my staff graduated from schools with over 500 hours of training. Three of us are Nationally Certified with the NCBTMB, and two of my therapists are even licensed in other states. At past Technical Review Committee meetings, I talked about concern that licensing massage therapists would put existing therapists out of business. I have carefully reviewed the bill and the grandfathering requirements. The grandfathering requirements for this bill are generous, and I am confident that none of my staff would have to leave my business.

I applaud the hard work that has been done over the years to hear all the massage therapists' concerns throughout this great state. The time has come to stop looking over our shoulders each year wondering if we can stay in business. Let's pass this bill, move on and care for our clients. Thank you for your careful consideration.

Sincerely,

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