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~State of West Virginia~  
**Massage Therapy  
Licensure Board**

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Patrick Morrissey  
Attorney General  
State Capitol Complex  
Bldg. 1 Room E-26  
Charleston, WV 25305

Dear Mr. Morrissey,

It is my pleasure to write to you in support of the Pain Management Best Practices Project that you have taken the initiative on in West Virginia.

I am well aware of the enormous problem of Opioid addiction and overdose deaths that have been plaguing our state for the past several years. The use of massage therapy as a best practice for the treatment and management of pain is definitely a step in the right direction to assist with this epidemic problem. Massage therapy has been proven as an effective method of treatment and is beneficial in relieving pain and stress. Massage therapy can also assist patients in reducing and/or eliminating the use of opioids and pain medication. It is a holistic option for the treatment of pain and pain management.

In conclusion, I fully support the efforts of the Attorney General's office on this project. The Board is excited about adopting the Pain Management Best Practices. The project is necessary and will have an impact on this massive problem in our state. I am honored to be working with your office on this very important issue. When we all work together on a project of this magnitude, the citizens of West Virginia will greatly benefit.

Sincerely,  
  
Linda Lyter  
Executive Director