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New Jersey Board of Massage and Bodywork Therapy
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Attention: George Hebert, Executive Director

Dear Mr. Hebert,

On behalf of the American Massage Therapy Association New Jersey Chapter (AMTA NJ) membership of over 1,500, please consider this correspondence to be our formal support of Rule Draft **N.J.A.C. 13:37A** and **N.J.A.C. 13:37-16** as written.

We wish to thank you for considering our former concerns, and for amending the Rule language as presented today.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank you and your staff for the time, effort, and dedication given to the process on behalf of public protection for all of our citizens (including our massage therapy community as part of this group) seeking massage and bodywork in New Jersey.

Sincerely,

Lori Keith, CMT, CCA
AMTA NJ Chapter President

P.S.: While not expressed within our membership, we have heard of concerns from practitioners being unable to become licensed in New Jersey, because of the state school graduation requirement, and would like to know if this situation could require these practitioners to return to school to meet licensure requirements to practice.