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Senator Michael J. Doherty
127 Belvidere Avenue, 2nd floor
Washington, NJ 07882

Re: Senate Bill 1529 introduced on February 9, 2012

Dear Honorable Senator Doherty,

The American Massage Therapy Association New Jersey Chapter, a membership of over 1,500, wishes to thank you for your support by introduction of New Jersey Senate Bill 1529.

This bill supports removal of the imposition of sales tax currently attached to the Massage Therapy and Bodywork profession. The massage therapy and bodywork profession is a New Jersey licensed health care profession, regulated under the New Jersey Board of Nursing. It is the only health care profession that is subjected to sales taxation. We, as a profession, and our clients as consumers, feel very strongly that there should not be a discriminatory, isolated taxation on one health profession, and thank you for your support to remove this unfair and unjust taxation through your introduction of Senate Bill 1529.

We wish to acknowledge your willingness to support removing unfair taxation to our profession at a time when the state is facing great economic challenge, and such action is greatly appreciated. We will continue to be present in support of your legislation, and wish to personally thank you for your willingness to step up and correct this situation.

Sincerely,

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American Massage Therapy Association New Jersey Chapter President