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Chairman McColley, Vice Chairman Johnson, Ranking Member Antonio and members of the Senate Transportation, Commerce and Workforce committee. My name is Melissa Ryan. I am a licensed massage therapist and The Ohio Chapter president for the American Massage Therapy Association. The Ohio Chapter of the American Massage Therapy Association has been made aware of the proposed changes in the educational requirements for Licensed Massage Therapy that might be adopted into HB 442.

While we are in favor of reciprocity, we are also very much in favor of the current educational requirements as written. We take pride in the fact that this education helps to make our LMTs part of the health care system and able to participate in the therapeutic setting.

With this in mind, AMTA-OH requests that this amendment be tabled at this time to allow the Board of Medicine to research the hourly requirements in each subject to ensure the vital educational requirements of curriculums be properly addressed. We look forward to working on this project in the coming year with the due diligence a decision of this magnitude deserves.

I thank you for your attention and I am happy to answer any questions.

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