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I support Massage Therapy” intent in bill SB 81. And I understand the need: but it has problems that would affect my clients welfare and my livelihood. I would support it with exemptions granted for Trager®.

The exemption we are requesting has been done in other states and been effective. Most states have exemptions or exclusions.

Trager® is not massage. It is quite different from massage. If I would apply to become a massage therapist, the organization would not give me any credit for my training – saying it is quite different from massage training. Another difference is our clients are clothed during the sessions.

It would be financially impossible for me to take Massage training to become licensed and it would not benefit my practice.

Reflexology has been granted exemption because it is so different from massage therapy. Well the Trager® Approach is even more different from Massage Therapy.

There has never been any problems with our work being used as a front for illicit activity.

My Massage Therapy clients would be very upset if you take their *Trager* Sessions away from them.

Exemptions like those we are proposing are supported by the National AMTA and professional organizations.

I request the inclusion of suitable exemptions for non-massage practices based on those in place in most states that regulate massage therapy and supported by national AMTA policy and the Federation of Therapeutic Massage, Bodywork and Somatic Practices Organizations. For movement-education based practices, such as The Trager Approach, Feldenkrais and Somatic Education.

Thank you for your time.

With Gratitude,

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