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This is to advocate that exemptions for Feldenkrais and Trager practitioners be included in the legislation being considered to deal with the horrible problems of sex and human trafficking and prostitution. There is nothing sexual or exploitive in the healing techniques of Feldenkrais or Trager.

For about 10 years, I have worked with 4 excellent, intelligent, effective, credible and honorable Feldenkrais and Trager practitioners and have been told that unless exemptions are written into the law, they will not be able to continue their hands-on body work. Like most physical therapists, their work involves teaching people how to move more comfortably and efficiently along with therapeutic touch.

I am forever grateful to my Feldenkrais and Trager practitioners who have helped me overcome injuries, preserve my ability to function and enhance the quality of my life. I do not have the words to describe the details, but I know that working with them enabled me at age 94 to walk down the aisle at my granddaughter's wedding and at age 96 to walk down the aisle at the wedding of one of my grandsons.

Thank you for your consideration and help in fine-tuning the legislation to best serve the public interests.