Chair Huffman, Vice Chair Antani, Ranking Member Antonio and members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on Sub. House Bill 81 as passed by the House, a bill to revise laws governing massage establishments and massage therapy.

Last spring, I presented testimony to you when Senate Bill 55 was before you. Now with Sub. House Bill 81 before you, I respectfully ask that you retain the amendment to Sub. House Bill 81 that provides an exemption that clearly defines the requirements for those of us who practice movement or somatic education to continue our work without the addition of a state license. The current wording both protects the practitioners and also does not interfere with the intent of the bill which is to protect the public.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

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