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Mr. David Crum, Honorable Chairman

I want to Thank Mr. David Crum Honorable Chairman and committee for letting me speak. Hi! My name is Anita Popelka I have been a Massage Therapist a few months shy of 20 years. My question to the committee is do we really need more Government? Do we really need bill HB 2187 to License Massage Therapy. These are my papers for closing on my home in 1984 these are my closing papers in 2007 on my new home. Did more government polices keep all the bankruptcies from happening? Please do your homework before bidding on HB 2187. They say there is Harm where is the harm? The KDHE committee pasted it on a what if story, there was no proof he just convinced the rest of the committee that this could happen. Well anybody can do a what if I could say oh I shouldn't go to Topeka today what if I got into an accident. I am very passionate about what I do and want you to know that the best interest of my clients is always my top priority. There are laws already in place for unethical behavior.

The first year I got involved with the bills, Cosmologist were not executed and there were several here to fight it the next year they executed them (have less fighting them on this). That year was not passed .The third year was passed on to this committee with a hypo-thyerical story and was then introduced in by Healing Arts which they did not want to take massage on they did not have the money to do that, they said we would be better under Cosmology. So here we are now under Nursing. My Massage is not a Medical massage it is a relaxation massage.

My big issue with this whole thing is if AMTA was doing this in good faith they would put it out there for all Kansas Massage Therapist. At a meeting I was at it was asked why they didn't contact people there answer was well we googled, but nobody was contacted. I googled and looked in phone book and called everyone in Salina to inform them none of them was even aware of it happening this was 3 years ago. In the last couple of years I have been able to go to there site (AMTA) and get the information this year there is nothing to be found like I said if they were doing it in good Faith what are they hiding?

Sincerely,
Anita Popelka