



**Kansas Association of Therapeutic Massage
& Bodywork, Inc.**

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The Honorable Senator Mary Pilcher-Cook, Chairperson
Senate Public Health & Welfare Committee
Room 118N
Kansas Capitol Building
300 SW 10th Avenue
Topeka, KS 66612-1504

Good Day, Madam Chairperson and Members of this committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to speak regarding SB40, The Massage Therapist
Licensure Act.

I am Carrie Collins, President of KATMB, the Kansas Association for Therapeutic
Massage and Bodywork, Inc. KATMB is a professional association founded in 1984.
We have members living and working throughout this great state. Our interest in this
proposed regulation is to ensure our members may continue their work without undue
hardship.

In the past, KATMB actively opposed regulation. After the Kansas Department of
Health and Environment hearings determined that the State should regulate the
profession, AMTA and ABMP, the national associations responsible for the introduction
of this bill, SB40, invited KATMB to express our concerns and offer input. We accepted.

During the House Committee hearings in 2014, based on the language of HB2187 and
taking into consideration the varied opinions of our members, KATMB testified that we
had moved from a position of opposition to one of neutrality.

This year, again based on the language of SB40, as currently introduced, KATMB will
remain neutral. We will continue to remain watchful of this process to ensure our
members may continue their work.

Thank you for your time.