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HB 238– STATE BOARD OF Massage Therapists – DISCIPLINARY ACTION

TESTIMONY OF STATE DELEGATE DENI TAVERAS

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Thank you Chair Peña-Melnyk, Vice-Chair Kelly and committee members. It is an honor to testify before you all today to ask for your favorable recommendation for HB 238.

The Maryland State Board of Massage Therapists is requesting the creation of a mechanism to reinstate massage therapists that have lost their license due to malfeasance. This is basically a good governance bill that provided professionals with a due process to request licensure under certain condition with Board approval and under their oversight, if the Board so deems that an individual has come back into compliance. This process is does not currently exists in the law and this bill would serve as a course correction.

I humbly ask that this committee please provide a favorable report to HB 238.

Let's give those individuals the Board of Massage Therapists believes have seen the error in their ways a second chance to practice in their field.