

Dear Delegates:

My name is Susan Madonna, and I am a Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine in Maryland since 2000. I am writing in support of HB 1331.

During my career, I have seen many patients who would benefit from regular massage therapy for a variety of health conditions including soft tissue pain, headache and lymphatic congestion. From time to time, medical providers might recommend massage therapy to help people cope with the pain and stress related to cancer, heart disease, gastrointestinal problems or fibromyalgia, just to name a few.

Massage is healthcare and should be treated as such. Many physicians have begun recommending that their patients add massage to their plan of treatment, which may include physical therapy, chiropractic care, medication, and sometimes surgery. Allowing insurance to cover massage therapy for certain health conditions, will allow more of our patients to afford access to this form of healthcare.

With that, I ask for your support in voting in favor of HB 1331.

Sincerely,

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