

From: Gregory C. Nagel [<mailto:gregory.nagel@massageenvy.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2011 2:57 PM
To: Marsha Allgeier
Subject: A Note of Thanks: Support for Repeal of Chapter 49 - Massage Licensing

Dear Ms. Allgeier –

I am writing to express my sincere appreciation for your public and behind the scenes support of the repeal of § 11-42.1 and Chapter 49 of the Arlington County Code related to massage licensing. I saw your recent quote on the Arlnow.com website regarding the evolution of the field of massage therapy.

As owner of the Massage Envy Spa in Clarendon Center, I have witnessed first-hand the chilling effect the outdated County Code has on securing the employment of Licensed Massage Therapists in Arlington County. The primary problem is the length of time it takes for completion of the onerous FBI Background check, which can take up to three months. We appreciate all the recent efforts that went into securing the issuance of provisional permits to account for the extreme lag and provide a stopgap solution. We believe, however, that the redundancy of the Arlington County Code requirements with those of the State of Virginia warrant total repeal of the Code.

At Massage Envy, we only employ Massage Therapists that the State of Virginia has fully licensed. That means they have completed a minimum of 500 educational hours at a school approved by the Virginia Board of Nursing and passed the certification exam administered by the National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork (NCBTMB). As part of the certification process, NCBTMB conducts a criminal background check. We believe that these requirements are sufficient to provide for the public's ongoing protection, without interfering with state-licensed massage therapists.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at any time. Again, our primary goal is to operate a successful small business in Arlington County in compliance with all rules and requirements. We sincerely appreciate your interest and assistance.

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Angela Brackett

From: CountyBoard
Subject: FW: Massage Permit

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From: chris.brandolini@massageenvy.com [<mailto:chris.brandolini@massageenvy.com>]
Sent: Thursday, November 17, 2011 9:06 AM
To: chairman-czimmerman@arlingtonva.us; Mary Hynes; Jay Fiset; Walter Tejada; afavola@arlingtonva.us
Subject: Massage Permit

County Board Members:

I am writing to you today to voice my support for the repeal of the Arlington County Massage Permitting Process. As a doctor of Chiropractic and owner of multiple Massage Envy Clinics, I understand the health benefits of massage therapy and the far reaching effects it can have on the population.

The Arlington County Permitting process is clearly outdated and seen in no other nearby counties, including Maryland. The permitting process is a huge obstacle for those therapists wanting to work in Arlington County. More often than not, once the massage therapists hear of this process and the length of time involved, they are off to a neighboring county to begin working immediately. This not only hurts the businesses in the area that want to hire these qualified therapists, but also the local commerce.

Also, most massage therapists coming out of school are weighed down with student loans and their personal finances are really tight. These qualified therapists want to start working immediately. Will they wait around for 2 months for a job in Arlington County, or will they go to a neighboring county and begin working within a week? I think we all know the answer to that question.

I would like to thank you for your time and hearing me out on this very important matter. I hope that you ultimately see that this process is clearly outdated and a detriment to the local economy.

Sincerely,

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