



RE: Tax Exemption for Massage Therapy Services

Dear

I am writing to you as a Massage Therapist and as a member of this constituency. Massage Therapists across Ontario and Canada are recognized as primary healthcare professionals and are a vital part of the national healthcare landscape. Massage Therapists are part of the healthcare teams that keep Canadians healthy, allowing them to participate as members of society through their work and play. I am writing to ask you contact the Federal Minister of Finance to request an exemption from HST for the profession of massage therapy.

Massage therapy remains one of the only health professions that are required to charge HST for their services and remit it to the government. This can erect a barrier to care for Canadians. If a member of the public has a choice of therapeutic service but one of those services requires an additional tax, the likelihood of them choosing that service decreases.

If massage therapy became HST exempt, this action would help to maintain the ability of over 12,000 massage therapists in Ontario and 22,000 across Canada to earn a living and would provide further access to this valuable form of healthcare for all Canadians.

Please assist us in correcting this inequality. As health professionals, we help keep Canadians healthy and would be happy to provide you with any necessary documentation should you require.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Member of the Registered Massage Therapists' Association of Ontario