(Date)

(Your Name and Address)

(And any organization/affiliation you are involved with or your profession as applicable)

Honorable (Your State Senator or Assembly Members name)

(Their address as appropriate check their websites)

RE: Not extending SB731 and the California Massage Therapy Council

Dear (You State Senator or Assembly members name):

I (We) am (are) opposed to extending SB731 and the non-profit California Massage Therapy Council.

It has been increasingly evident that although the law may have been well intentioned it has resulted in removing the ability of local governments to deal with the growing number of illegal massage establishments and the prostitution and human trafficking associated with these establishments.

I (We) support the position of cities throughout the State along with the California League of Cities and request that 1) the California Massage Therapy Council be eliminated in favor of a Board of Commission operating under the Department of Consumer Affairs to better monitor and regulate massage professionals; 2) owners of massage businesses be held accountable for what occurs in their establishments; 3) local governments be allowed to apply reasonable regulations and land use controls to better regulate massage establishments within their city; and 4) that local governments be allowed to recoup the costs of enforcing the statute.

For these reasons, I (we) oppose the extension of this law and support the above requested revisions.

Sincerely,

(Name and Title as appropriate)

cc: Meg Desmond, League of California Cities, mdesmond@cacities.org