From: <u>Nadia W.</u>

To: Nevada Board of Massage Therapists

Cc: <u>Sally Spurgeon</u>

**Subject:** Re: Urgent Appeal to Preserve Life-Changing Therapy Services for Women in Need

**Date:** Monday, October 21, 2024 4:00:11 PM

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Yes, it is my intention that this email be shared as Public Comment for the next board meeting where the petition for the amendment of the regulation submitted by Ms. Spurgeon will be considered.

Thank you for confirming. Nadia Williams

On Mon, Oct 14, 2024, 11:25 AM Nevada Board of Massage Therapists <a href="massagebd@lmt.nv.gov">nvmassagebd@lmt.nv.gov</a> wrote:

Hello Ms. Williams,

Ms. Spurgeon forwarded the email below to our office. Is it your intention that this email be shared as Public Comment for our next board meeting where the petition for the amendment of a regulation submitted by Ms. Spurgeon will be considered?

## Elisabeth Barnard

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From: Sally Spurgeon <<u>sally@therapielv.com</u>>
Sent: Sunday, October 13, 2024 2:56 PM

**To:** Nevada Board of Massage Therapists < <a href="mailto:nv.gov">nvmassagebd@lmt.nv.gov</a>>

Subject: FW: Urgent Appeal to Preserve Life-Changing Therapy Services for Women in Need

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From: "Nadia W." < <a href="mailto:chefnadiawilliams@gmail.com">chefnadiawilliams@gmail.com</a>

Date: Saturday, October 12, 2024 at 11:08 PM

To: SALLY SPURGEON < <a href="mailto:sally01144@gmail.com">sally01144@gmail.com</a>>

Subject: Urgent Appeal to Preserve Life-Changing Therapy Services for Women in Need

I hope this message finds you well. I am writing to you as someone who has directly benefited from the post-treatment and surgical therapy services provided by Therapie. Like many other women, I have suffered severe pain and a loss of mobility following my treatment. When I tell you that just one visit to Therapie helped me in ways I cannot fully describe, I am not exaggerating. It felt like a blessing—a ray of hope when I thought I might never regain the ability to perform basic life duties, let alone maintain my work performance.

This is something I want to share with all women who are struggling. Therapie is more than just physical relief; it is a source of healing that goes beyond hope. Sally, the therapist I've worked with, speaks passionately about the importance of breast health and the care we all deserve, and I think to myself—why would anyone take away a service that helps so many? I can't help but believe the decision comes from a lack of personal experience. If you haven't gone through the pain, fear, and vulnerability yourself, you may not fully understand just how vital this service is.

Hope is sometimes all we have, and Therapie helps us see beyond hope to real healing. It is life-changing. I am beyond grateful for the care I've received, and if you could only understand that on a personal level, beyond the collective mission and beyond the red tape, I believe your perspective might change.

Please think about the people like Sally—the dedicated therapists who have invested so much in their education and skills just to help women like me. I urge you to think beyond policies and regulations and look at the very real, very urgent need within a community that too often goes unheard. We are the women who need your voice now. Please don't let us be silenced.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Nadia Williams