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Dear Nevada State Board of Massage Therapy

We are writing to support Sally Spurgeon and breast cancer survivors and petition the recent regulation prohibiting breast massage on uncovered breasts, even with client consent, as part of Nevada Administrative Code Chapter 640C.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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October 7, 2024

Dear Nevada State Board of Massage Therapy

We are writing to support Sally Spurgeon and breast cancer survivors and petition the recent regulation prohibiting breast massage on uncovered breasts, even with client consent, as part of Nevada Administrative Code Chapter 640C.

Since 2009, Sally Spurgeon and the Spurgeon Method have made a great impact in improving the lives of breast cancer patients at The Caring Place, an adult services program of Nevada Childhood Cancer Foundation. Sally has provided therapeutic breast massage to literally hundreds of women served by The Caring Place who, prior to these services, were living with pain, limited range of motion, swelling, and emotional trauma caused by their diagnosis and ramifications of breast cancer.

Every diagnosed woman treated with the Spurgeon Method benefited from it both physically and emotionally. We share Sally's method and services with all breast cancer patients who register at The Caring Place because we know it works, we have seen it work, and our clients are grateful for how it has improved their daily lives. Not being able to refer women for Sally's services seems like we are turning back the hands of time in breast cancer care. Where will breast cancer survivors find relief for pain and swelling? Where will breast cancer survivors find solutions to improve their mobility?

Cynthia, a breast cancer survivor, could not stretch or reach beyond the first shelf of her kitchen after her double mastectomy. This went on for two years during which time she went through months of physical and occupational therapy. These did not help. Cynthia then registered as a participant of The Caring Place specifically to participate in support groups as she felt her life would never be as it was prior to her diagnosis and was falling into a deep depression. Support group attendees and staffers told Cynthia about Sally and the Spurgeon Method. After her FIRST session with Sally, Cynthia was in tears as she could finally, after two years, reach her arms high above her head without pain. She continued with sessions and shared, "I have my life back."

The new regulation severely impacts the wellbeing of breast cancer survivors, and the hundreds of clients served each year at The Caring Place. We implore you to reconsider this decision that adversely affects breast cancer survivor's emotional and physical wellbeing.

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