Dear Members of the New Mexico Physical Therapy Board:

I am writing to respectfully oppose the proposed increase in the biennial physical therapist renewal fee from $85 to $160. This $75 increase represents an approximately 88% rise at one time and would disproportionately affect solo practitioners and small private clinics.

As the owner and sole physical therapist at EVOLVED PHYSICAL THERAPY, a one-on-one private practice in Santa Fe, I cannot distribute licensing and regulatory expenses across a large organization or multiple providers. Independent clinics already absorb substantial costs associated with professional liability insurance, continuing education, business licensing, equipment, regulatory compliance, and maintaining a safe clinical facility.

I recognize that the Board needs sufficient funding to perform its licensing, oversight, and public-protection responsibilities. However, I respectfully request that the Board provide a clear explanation of the financial need for an 88% increase and consider a less burdensome alternative—such as a smaller increase, a gradual phase-in over multiple renewal cycles, or a reduced renewal fee for solo practitioners and small practices.

New Mexico benefits from independent physical therapy clinics that improve access to individualized care and contribute to local communities. I ask the Board to consider how a substantial fee increase may cumulatively affect these practices and the patients they serve.

Thank you for considering my comments.

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