FROM

Guillem Ortega

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Guillem Ortega Hand and Stone Massage and Facial Spa 25 NW 23rd Pl Portland, OR 97229

Dear Madam/Sir,

Today I am writing to ask for your support of measure HB 2970.

My wife and I opened our Hand and Stone Massage and Facial Spa in Portland, Oregon back in 2016 with the idea of create a skin care destination in the core of the Slabtown, Portland. All these years, our team of Estheticians have based our skincare practices around non-invasive and perfectly safe devices. The throughout training that they received in their Esthetics schools have provided our team the expertise needed to deliver an excellent and safe service to our clientele. It is worth to mention that many of these devices, such as LED and microcurrent, are even available for the non-professional to purchase and safely use at home.

This bill would allow us to continue to use those tools, while keeping devices such as lasers, which our team has not received proper training to use them, safely out of our scope, only to be used by advanced estheticians.

If this bill does not pass, I fear that our business may suffer dramatically. Please have into consideration that in this pandemic, the Wellness industry has re-opened with rigorous safe protocols to protect the well-being of our staff and clients. All this new protective measures have required extra costs that makes the profitability of our business already very challenging.

Thank you for your consideration,

Guillem Ortega