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Monday April 7th, 2003

Statement from George Flint representing the Nevada Brothel Owners Association.

Chairman Townsend and Members of the Senate Commerce and Labor Committee:

I am presently hospitalized in Reno following surgery to correct a difficult hernia condition. I have asked my daughter Margaret to appear before you and to read a short statement in support of SB338.

My appreciation to Senator Tiffany for bringing this bill forward. The message therapists have tried now for nearly 20 years to create a Board of Massage Therapy.

You will notice that the "Brothels" have been included in the list of exemptions. This appears on line 3 of page 3 of the bill.

Traditionally my client has had problems with the intent of some of those similar and earlier attempts of SB338 due to the fact that we do use massage to some degree and in fact many of our ladies have some training in various areas addressed in the bill.

My client has always been concerned that the Massage Therapy Board could be another board that we would be obligated to /or under their authority and direction. This would hinder our own area of professional activity.

It has been agreed to since a similar bill did not pass in the 2001 session that we would withdraw any opposition as long as the brothels were included with the other exemptions listed in section 8 of the measure before you.

Please honor this agreement if you do go forward with this measure. I believe the Message Therapists deserve the opportunity to have their own regulatory board.

I will try to answer any questions Chairman Townsend. Again, thank you for allowing me to appear and speak for my father.