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To: deb@debkimmet.com
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From: noreply@formstack.com
Sent: Saturday, March 1, 2025 2:57 PM
To: Public Records
Subject: [EXTERNAL] OPIR Central Intake Form

Formstack Submission For: [OPIR Central Intake Form](#)

Submitted at Mar 1, 2025 2:56 PM

Name:	Deborah Kimmet
Organization:	Business League for Massage Therapy and Bodywork
Requestor Type:	Nonprofit
Requestor Type (Other):	
Email:	deb@debkimmet.com
Phone:	4065444704
Mailing Address:	3942 Doc Holiday Court Missoula, MT 59801
What agency/agencies are you requesting information from?:	Department of Labor & Industry
Board or Council:	
Request Description:	Please send me a copy of the resignation letter submitted by Ivy Bacon. She resigned her position as a public member from the board of massage therapy sometime in the last 9-12 months She attended the September 23, 2024 meeting but no meetings after that.
	Thanks
Purpose/Use of Information:	Legislation
Do you intend to publish the information requested?:	No
If yes, name of publication:	



March 7, 2025

Deborah Kimmet
3492 Doc Holiday Ct.
Missoula, MT 59801
(via e-mail only to: deb@debkimmet.com)

Re: Request for records
Request Number: 2025-MAT-00399/Kimmet, Deborah RR

Dear Deborah Kimmet:

The Department of Labor & Industry is in receipt of your record request, dated March 1, 2025.

The Department understands you are requesting the following documents:

- Resignation letter of Ivy Bacon Hinebauch, former member of the Board of Massage Therapy

Please see the attached letter of resignation.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/ Jennifer Stallkamp
Jennifer Stallkamp
Agency Counsel

Kirchgasler, Brandon

From: Ivy Bacon <ivybacon95@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 14, 2025 2:04 PM
To: Swanson, Sarah; Juras, Kristen
Subject: [EXTERNAL] MT Board of Massage Therapy - Resignation Letter

Dear Lt. Governor Juras and Commissioner Swanson,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as the public member of Montana's Board of Passage Therapy. It has been an honor to contribute to this important work, and I deeply appreciate the trust you placed in me to represent the interests of Montanans.

Regrettably, I must resign from my position due to significant medical challenges during my pregnancy and my need to now focus on my family following the birth of my daughter. While this decision was not easy, I remain grateful for the experience and hope to have the opportunity to serve your administration again in the future.

Additionally, I want to share my concerns regarding the conduct I have experienced during my tenure. At times, I encountered aggressive and, at times, bullying behavior from certain board members and representatives of the private massage industry association when my votes differed from those of the chair and vice chair. I took my responsibility to represent the public seriously, and I am disappointed by these experiences. However, I want to acknowledge the professionalism and support of Executive Officer Suzie Osborne, who did her best to assist me in navigating these challenges.

Once again, thank you for the opportunity to serve. I appreciate your leadership and commitment to Montana, and I hope to contribute in the future should the opportunity arise.

Sincerely,

Ivy Bacon Hinebauch