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I'd like to thank the Department of Public Health and everyone involved for expediting this change to the Massage Therapist Qualifications, to transition from the National Certification Exam to the MBLEx.

We at the CT Center for Massage Therapy have recently, in preparation for this change, facilitated an in-service with the Federation of State Massage Therapy Boards about the MBLEx and are confident that it is a comprehensive exam which reflects well the status of entry level massage therapy education.

Students graduating from CT massage therapy programs/schools are eager to begin their new career and to earn income. We are eager to see this change implemented as soon as possible to avoid any gap in graduates' ability to proceed with their licensure process on behalf of our graduates themselves, the schools, the employers and the public.

So, in advance, thank you for your guidance and support to expedite this process.

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