Subject 15 Minutes for Advocacy Letter 5

Dear MD Music Therapist,

This email continues the weekly advocacy series from your MD State Task Force. If you have any questions, please contact Niki Runge or Tatyana Martin at mdstate.task.force@gmail.com

FYI: Your letter should include the following:

* ·  General statement thanking the legislator for something they have  done or an issue they support that is important to you.
* ·  Next – introduce yourself, where you live (district/municipality) and work, and the client population you serve. Give some sample goals/  benefits/outcomes for the population.
* FROM THE PARAGRAPHS SUPPLIED TO YOU BY MDSTF
	+ ·  Brief statement of how music therapy is recognized nationally
	+ ·  Information about the state task force
	+ ·  Request information and guidance for state recognition.  Thank them. Be sure to put your address and email on the letter, so they may respond.

WEEK 5 ACTION ITEM: Compose your letters using the information gathered over the last 4 weeks. Keep the letter to one page, using words minimally. Proofread your letters. If you get a response, please let the MDSTF know at mdstate.task.force@gmail.com. Characterize the response you receive and let us know if follow-up information is required.  Thank you for your advocacy!

Sincerely, MD State Task Force

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