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I am sending this email in objection to the proposed changes for CEUs for respiratory therapists. I have been a RT for 40 plus years and I think the current CEUs of 15 is plenty and is what most professions require including nursing. This would create a hardship for most, financially and physically. Most new RTs are trying to pay off there student loans and continuing education courses are costly never mind time off from work and family. All RTs that I have talked to are opposed to this change, please reconsider. Why would we be required to get more CEUs than other professions in the medical field. I think you will be making it more difficult to get people to join our profession instead of trying to encourage people to join our profession. Also the criteria for the CEUs also makes it more difficult because the proposed changes included specific subject matters for the CEUs, its difficult enough to get the CEUs and time off from work and family obligations now we will have to get specific CEUs for different categories. I think our current CEU obligations are difficult enough.

Sincerely,

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