To whom it may concern,

I am unable to attend the second public hearing regarding the increase in our continuing education contact hours but would like to give my opinion in the matter. I object to increasing our CEU’s and mandating how we acquire them. There are therapists, such as myself, that work in smaller community hospitals and home care settings whose salaries are far less than what one could make in the larger hospitals. To mandate that a certain number of CEU’s be required to be gotten in-person or live training sessions, which can cost several hundred dollars, is an extreme financial burden to some. The hospital I work at will reimburse part of the cost but the rest is left up to us and between the cost of the conference and possible hotel accommodations, depending on location of conference to home, is costly. Many of the conferences I have attended have very little to do what I do daily at work and find many a waste of my time. I would rather choose something to read or attend more related to what I do on a daily basis, than be forced to spend money on something totally unrelated because I need a certain number of CEU’s. A registered nurse has substantially more responsibilities clinically and makes more income than our profession, is required to do 15 CEU’s to maintain their licensure. I believe education and the forward progression of our profession is important but I see these changes to our continuing education unnecessary and a burden to some.

 Thank you

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