I am writing this letter with respect to the Board of Registration of Respiratory Care (Board)’s proposed revision to its regulations at 261 CMR 5.00.

My concerns are about the dramatic increase to the number of contact hours needed every two years to obtain our Respiratory license. Going from 15 contact hours to 30 is a huge increase. I don’t know why. Due to the increase need of contact hours this would place a financial hardship on myself and my family. Going to a one or two day seminar I would need to take time off from work, which I do not get paid for. I would have to use my day off or holiday or vacation time. I would need to pay for the seminar and lodging if needed.

I am a somewhat perplexed regarding the reason why this increase is being considered. The MBRC has never explained the reason for this increase. I would like to submit this letter as my way of disagreeing with this change.

Thank you in advance for your concern,

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