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To whom it may concern,

Please reconsider the increase in contact hours from 15 to 30. Its seems unnecessary and quite excessive especially the contact hours for the 8 specific subjects proposed. This essentially means therapists will be chasing CEU's/contact hours almost on a monthly basis and so on and so on for each renewel period. This will be an unnecessary burden to get time off to go to seminars not to mention a significant financial burden for those living paycheck to paycheck.

Increasing the CEU's will not change the competency, safety or effectivity of practice (regardless of what other states may do). That can be achieved by individual departments by annual training and competencies. If specifics need to changed to 15 CEU's we currently get so be it but 15 is sufficient in advancing our profession not 30.

Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely,

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