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Board of Registration of Respiratory Care

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Dear Board;

This letter is to give written testimony regarding the Board’s proposed revision to regulations at 261 CMR 5.00 which would set provisions for continuing education required for renewal of respiratory therapist licensure. I am a licensed respiratory therapist and have been a practicing therapist for more than 45 years. I am opposed to the proposed changes.

Currently respiratory therapist are required to obtain 15 CEU’s every two years with no limitation on how many can be earned in non-traditional settings (On-Line). The proposed changes would double the number of required CEU’s from 15 to 30. This seems excessive and arbitrary. In addition, the proposed changes would mandate that 15 of the 30 be in obtained in a live session. Again excessive and arbitrary. I believe the proposed changes would place an undue hardship on respiratory therapists, both in time and expense.

Again, I am opposed to the proposed changes.

Regards,

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