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To who it may concern

I am unable to attend the second public hearing regarding increase in number of Continuing education contact hours needed to obtain my respiratory care license. I have been working for the last 38 years in the field of respiratory care. I have worked all disciplines within this field. Acute care,sub acute, home care and rehab. I work outside the 128/Boston area. And I’ve been able to meet the demands of 15 contact hours which of been required and worked perfectly well for all these years. This increase will cause increased expenses,Time, and require more time off from work. The hospitals and employers I have worked for have very small reimbursement budgets for their continuing education. So this will mean more out-of-pocket expenses for the individual person. Needless to say pay raises and cost-of-living do not happen on regular basis in healthcare. I also find that having to attend outside conferences to acquire this amount Containing education very costly. I find that a lot of these Continuing Ed conferences not very informative for the needs of most of the respiratory therapists which I work with. It may be very helpful to the persons that work in academic teaching hospital facilities within 128,/ Boston,

but really does not address any of the small community hospital needs.

I feel it the current requirement of 15 Contact hours over a period of two years Has worked well for the past 25 years, And should remain!!!!!!

Thank you

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