June 17, 2018

To Whom It May Concern,

This is in response to the Board of Respiratory Care proposal to change the number of contact hours required as well as placing certain stipulations on subjects required for respiratory therapists to meet their Continuing Education Requirements.

We feel this is will have a huge impact financially, in stress levels, and time constraints. Many therapists are single parents and do not have the finances needed; or there are some therapists who are working 9 -5 Monday through Friday positions and do not have the time to attend seminars or conferences to equal the proposed increase in requirements; not to mention the time required to find seminars to meet the specific subjects proposed. Also some therapists only are able to secure per diem positions and this will place a huge financial strain on their budgets.

We feel that we work very hard to meet the needs of our patients and should not be required to obtain any addition to what we are already required to meet.

Please take all of the letters you receive from therapists about this situation seriously when making your final decision on this matter.

Sincerely,

Sandra Beavan; RRT from Massachusetts