To the Board of Registration of Respiratory Care (Board):

This is in regards to the proposed revision of the regulations at 261 CMR 5.00, specifically the increase in continuing education hours required for renewal of respiratory therapist licensure.

Doubling the amount of continuing education hours and limiting the amount taken online places a financial burden ( in times of no annual increase in pay) and more importantly a scheduling burden to working parents with very little access to live educational sessions near their towns.  It forces  the RT to take a full day off including dealing with traffic and difficulty of obtaining the day off with departments short on alternatives for coverage.  An MA RN needs only 15 CEUs with NO limit on how many can be earned on line.

Please DO NOT put the new proposed CEU changes into practice.

Respectfully,

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