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To whom it may concern:

I wish to comment on the proposed changes to PA's current certification for teachers. I believe that the proposed changes will take PA in the wrong direction concerning teacher preparation. Elementary teachers need to be unified with their training. The basic teaching of reading, math, and other subjects requires a comprehensive knowledge of development. Dividing up elementary teachers training does not recognize developmental issues and transitioning from level to level.

Having multiple certifications does not provide for future changes of our professionals, and it severely compromises the preparation programs at the university level.

Last, eliminating Special Education as a stand alone credential also devalues the role of these professionals within the school. Responding to NCLB with this legislation only prepares us for future revisions when NCLB is not reauthorized under this more enlightened Congress.

Sincerely,

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