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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY
REVIEW COMMISSION

Dear Ms. Steffanic:

I am writing to you to provide input regarding the recently proposed rulemaking for Continuing Education for Professional Nurses. I am a Certified School Nurse in Pennsylvania and we have been required to have professional development since the year 2000. Pennsylvania's Certified School Nurses have demonstrated continued professional development in their specialty area through the Pennsylvania Department of Education Act 48 statutory requirements. Every five years, in order to maintain my educational specialist certification, I must submit 180 Act 48 hours. I would like to ensure that Certified School Nurses be exempt from the continuing education requirements for maintaining their nursing licenses, as long as they comply with the continuing education requirements necessary to maintain their education specialist certification as written in the Act of June 29, 2006.

Further, it would be important to me and the rest of the Pennsylvania school nurses that the State Board of Nursing amends the proposed regulation by adding a new section that addresses Certified School Nurses. We would like to see Certified School Nurses who maintain their education specialist certification receive an exemption from the continuing education requirements for license renewal.

If the Pennsylvania Department of Education and the Pennsylvania Department of Health were listed as approved providers, it would benefit Pennsylvania School Nurses.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Sincerely,



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