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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY  
REVIEW COMMISSION

Dear Ms Steffanic,

I have been in nursing since 1965 and have worked in many areas of nursing. I have worked in the OR, Pediatrics (20 Yrs.), Medical Surgical, Home care, and now Certified School Nursing. I can truly say that many courses do not begin to cover what we as school nurse's deal with in education. Please allow us to continue under the Act 48 regulations. I feel that if I am forced to take more courses in addition to my Act 48 that I will not be able to afford to stay current. At present I am still trying to recover from making the move to Certified School Nurse. I currently stand at Masters + 30. I do not take my profession lightly but having to take more courses in addition to my 180 for Act 48 will be a hardship financially and I also do not feel that some nursing courses presently offered will help me with my role as a school nurse.

(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 their educational specialist certification, they must submit 180 Act 48 hours. We 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.)

Thank you,  
Lynn Wolfgang, RN, CSN

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