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Dear Ms. Steffanic and Members of the State Board of Nursing:

I am writing to recommend that the proposed amendment to PA Nursing Law §§ 21.1, 21.5 and 21.29 (relating to definitions; fees; and expiration and renewal of license) and the addition of §§ 21.131--21.134 §§ 21.1, 21.5 and 21.29 include specific language which addresses BSNs who practice in PA as a "certified education specialist" (certified by PA Dept. of Education.). We must already comply with existing 180 hours (per 5 year period) of continuing education credits (aka "Act 48 credit s") to maintain that DOE credential.

Please refer to our new law:

"School nurses who as certified education specialists are required to obtain continuing professional education under section 1205.2 of the act of March 10, 1949 (P.L.30, No. 14), known as the "Public School Code of 1949," and under this act, shall be permitted to submit evidence of the completion of education courses approved for their certification by the school district."

Please add to the proposed amendment language which reflects that Act 48 credits, which are equal in length and professionalism, be accepted as meeting the requirement.

I believe the addition of another 30 continuing education credits above our existing 180 credits presents undue hardship. As a school district coordinator of continuing education programming I can attest to the professionally relevant and specific nature of Act 48 credits. The amendment should reflect the law as it currently stands.

I would be happy to assist with answering any questions, should you have a need.

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Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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