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From: Onderdonk, Kimberly [mailto:KONDERDONK@wcasd.k12.pa.us]
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Ann Steffanic, Board Administrator, State Board of Nursing,
 P.O. Box 2649
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Dear Ms. Steffanic,

I am writing to express my concern over the proposed amendment to the continuing education requirements for Registered Nurses. While I am in support of continuing education requirements for nurses, I would like to see specific language that applies to Certified School Nurses. For years, I have participated in the continuing education requirements needed to maintain my Educational Specialist Certification. The Act 48 credits I have earned address the physical and psychosocial needs of my students and greatly enhance their care. I hope that the State Board of Nursing will value the time and effort that school nurses put into continuing education and accept these hours toward fulfilling the RN licensing requirement.

I support the wording of the law, as it is written:

"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."

Sincerely,

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Kimberly Onderdonk, RN CSN

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