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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY
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Dear Mr Coccodrilli:

I am writing regarding the regulations addressing continuing education for professional nurses; specifically as they pertain to Certified School Nurses.

Since 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. In order to maintain the Educational Specialist certification, certified school nurses are required to submit at least 180 Act 48 hours every five years.


In view of this, I respectfully request 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.

I request an amendment to the proposed legislation. This new section would address Certified School Nurses, exempting those that maintain their education specialist certification from the continuing education requirements for license renewal.

I also request that the list of approved providers include: the Pennsylvania Department of Education, the Pennsylvania Department of Health, and local Health Departments.

If you need additional information, do not hesitate to contact me at the above listed address.

Sincerely,



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