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Ms. Steffanic,

I am writing to you in response to the proposed rate hike for licensure renewal for many disciplines in the state of Pennsylvania. I am a practicing Registered Nurse, and object to any rate increases that Pennsylvania may wish to enact. As a licensed professional in this state, why have we not been directly informed of this possible rate increase?

This has been a very trying year. The economy has affected everyone. Increasing the licensure renewal fees that allow us to work is not the answer. Many people have lost their jobs this past year. It remains a daily struggle to pay bills and put food on the table. It feels like we are being hit from every angle. Enough is enough!

I would hope that every other option to cut costs has been explored before this would even be considered (i.e. wage freezes, decreased contributions to retirement, eliminating unnecessary positions...like the rest of us have been forced to go through). Where is the accountability? Perhaps it is ignorance on my part, but what "obligations" can the Board not meet without the rate increase? Why can't the Board find another way? It is very frustrating, and frankly annoying, that this is even being considered.

Thank you.

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