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Dear Ms. Schulder:

I am writing in response to the the Continuing Competency 42.51-422.58 section 15(a).

I agree that that activites such as clinical instructor, mentor, publishing article/book, editing article/book; and peer reviewed presentations are all activities which should count towards Continuing Competency I do not feel they should be required inorder to maintain competency.

I feel making this a requirement may cause undo hardship on some of the therapists. There are therapists who work alone and do not take students, or work part-time and are raising families or caring for elderly family members. Making these as requirements does not make a person a better or more competent therapist.

New graduates will not be instructors, mentors, won't be publishing or editing.

I would vote no to making this a requirement but leave it open for those who can participate in these areas.

Respectfully,

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