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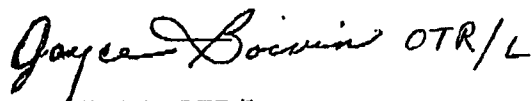
Re: State Board of Occupational Therapy
Proposed Continued Competency Regulations for Occupational Therapy
Pennsylvania Licensure

To Whom It May Concern:

The State Board of Occupational Therapy will soon begin its review of public comments regarding its efforts to legislatively pass continued competency regulations for the practice of occupational therapy in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. In its efforts to do so, I respectfully request that the Board be mindful of occupational therapists who may need to step out of the clinical practice setting for a period of months or perhaps even years for various reasons: e.g. caretaking of children/parents/relatives; health issues; personal issues; schooling; adjunct pursuits; etc.

I understand that twenty-four (24) contact hours for every two (2) year O.T. License renewal are being proposed and that only eighteen (18) of those hours can be acquired via continuing education hours. I urge the Board to make available some avenues or vehicles for the other six (6) contact hours for persons in the categories above, which will enable them to develop and/or maintain their professional competencies for PA licensure in occupational therapy in non-clinical or non academic arenas in which they might normally find themselves.

Respectfully submitted,

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