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State Board of Occupational Therapy Education and Licensure
P. O. Box 2649
Harrisburg, PA 17105-2649

Re: Proposed Rulemaking, Continuing Competency (Pa.B. Doc. No. 11-606)

Dear Ms. Schulder:

I am the President of the Pennsylvania Occupational Therapy Association ("POTA"), a statewide organization of 1,400 members that represents the interests of over 8,000 licensed occupational therapy practitioners. I am writing on behalf of POTA to express our support for the proposed rulemaking of the State Board of Occupational Therapy Education and Licensure (the "Board") concerning continuing competency regulations.

The occupational therapy profession recognizes and embraces the individual and collective responsibility to maintain professional competence. Although education is a key component in staying current with advances in any profession, we applaud the efforts of the Board to incorporate a variety of professional development activities designed to offer a complete regimen to maintain knowledge and skill.

We look forward to final regulations and the eventual effective date of this important initiative.

Respectfully Submitted,



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