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Dear Ms. Schulder,

I am an Occupational Therapist who is licensed to practice in Pennsylvania. I am writing in response to the proposed rulemaking of the State Board of Occupational Therapy Education and Licensure concerning 42.51-42.58 Continuing Competency Regulations.

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Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter. If you have any questions regarding my comments please contact me at 412-665-2415

Sincerely,

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