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State Board of Chiropractic
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Re: Proposed Rulemaking regarding distance learning

Dear Regulatory Counsel,

I have been a chiropractor for 18 years and am disheartened to learn that the PA Board of Chiropractic Examiners is considering reducing the number of continuing education hours that can be obtained online. While I am able to attend live CE classes, I choose to continue my education online for several reasons.

- I am able to take the classes that are most applicable to my personal scope of practice. I am not restricted by dates or locations. In the past, I often had to take courses that had no relevance in my practice simply because of the date or location that the course was offered. This was a disservice to my practice and my patients. Online learning allows me to take the courses that specifically apply to my personal scope of practice and allow me to complete courses that provide me with the most applicable information possible. I've also been able to take many courses I would have otherwise had no access to.

- I am able to take the course in an environment conducive to learning. I am comfortable, not rushed by the instructor, or distracted by what is going on around me (fellow classmates continuously entering/exiting the classroom to take calls, playing games on their iPads, texting on their phones, etc.)

- I am able to review and study the information at my own pace. This gives me the opportunity to learn, rather than just rush to take notes. I am able to stop, research learning issues, and focus additional time on more challenging concepts.

- I am able to pause the program when I need to take break, rather than have to take a break at scheduled times. This allows me to return refreshed and ready to learn.

- The tests offered at the end of the online CE courses are more educational and force me to pay close attention to the course in order to be able to pass the test. Most live CE classes only require that you show up and sign-in to 'pass' the course.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my opinions on this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me via one of the methods listed below.

Sincerely,

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