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To whom it may concern:

The budget shortfall is a direct result of the mandated continuing education requirements enacted by Pennsylvania a few years ago. These continuing education requirements have proven to do nothing for professional individuals except raise costs and make the professional societies create a black balance on their financials. The goal of the licensing board is to protect the public but records show that there has been no decrease in the number of complaints filed against licensed individuals. The thoughtless mandate of continued education without any outcome assessment of attendees is absurd to say the least. The Board had proposed pre-approving both courses and instructors but the legislature shot that down.

As a final note to my objection to the proposed rulemaking, the law states that board members will become members and attend meetings of the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying. (NCEES). The Commonwealth has not funded a delegate to a meeting of NCEES for several years. Until such time that Pennsylvania send s all members to the zone interim and annual meetings of NCEES, I do not support any proposed fee increase.

Sincerely,

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