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Dear Ms. Schulder,

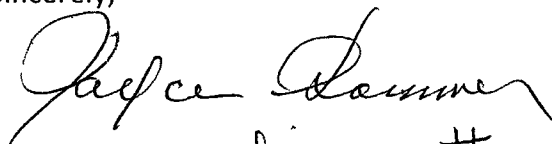
I am an Occupational Therapist who is licensed to practice in Pennsylvania. I am writing in response to the proposed rulemaking of the State Board of Occupational Therapy Education and Licensure concerning 42.51-42.58 Continuing Competency Regulations.

As a licensed Occupational Therapist I fully support and recognize the need to have guidelines for continued professional competence to assure licensed Occupational Therapists maintain and expand their professional knowledge and skills. In review of the opportunities available to Occupational Therapists for acquiring contact hours, I have concerns for the limited options available to fulfill the contact hour requirements.

I acknowledge the opportunities included by the Pennsylvania State Board of Occupational Therapy Education and Licensure for acceptable continued competency activities including continuing education courses, academic courses, mentorship, fieldwork supervision, professional writing and editing, presentation and instruction. These options may not be readily available to all Occupational Therapists and I encourage the Board to recognize additional activities for which hours could be awarded. I support the American Occupational Therapy Association's (AOTA) suggestions for additional activities which include independent study, development of or participation in a research project, development of a grant proposal, and professional meetings.

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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