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Good morning,

My email came back undeliverable this morning. I am re-sending in hopes my comments will be considered.

With proposed changes to the subsidized child care eligibility regulations at 55 Pa. Code Chapter 3041, I am compelled to write to express the value in adjusting the hours worked provision. Juggling work and school is a difficult task however, at Harrisburg Area Community College, we see successful work/school balance in play each and every day. Studies show parents who are able to adjust their work schedules to accommodate their educational needs are far more likely to finish credit-bearing work and achieve degree completion. It is imperative working parents be given opportunity to learn in the most appropriate environment regardless of income. Given additional time to study and meet with their advisors and professors, our working parents prove time and time again their perseverance pays off as they walk across the stage to a higher paying, more family-sustaining career.

Please allow for the lowest possible working hours requirement when considering the regulation change. Moving parents out of poverty takes every opportunity and support. Changes such as these would allow for more study time, more internships opportunities, and clearly lead to completion.

Thank you for your consideration,
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