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Re: Proposed Rule Change Under 21 NCAC 54.2104 (Continuing Education)

September 16, 2019

Dear Mr. Collins:

I am writing in regards to the proposed amendment that would change the number of hours of continuing education credits a psychologist must earn in each biennial renewal period from 18 hours to 24 hours. I would like to go on record as **opposing** such a change as I believe it would place an undue financial burden on many of us that are practicing in fields where our earning potential is not as great as some other professions.

I recall when North Carolina did not have a continuing education requirement. When the Psychology Board added an 18-hour requirement it justified it by saying that it would place a minimal burden on psychologists compared to other states. I believe that to increase this number would go against the Psychology Board's own commitment to North Carolina's psychologists. Additionally, I have to take vacation time from my job to attend trainings which also causes an undue burden.

Sincerely,

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