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California Acupuncture Board
Sacramento, CA

Dear Ms. Wedge:

My name is Patty Alessi and I am a licensed acupuncturist in the state of California. I am writing to you because I would like to bring two things to your attention in hopes that some changes can be made in the requirements for continuing education for California acupuncturists. Number one is that I would like to see the requirements for the number of CEU's for acupuncturists be returned to the previous level of 30 CEU's every two years. Requiring 50 CEU's for acupuncturists puts a large burden on us. One of the most concerning aspects of this is the substantial financial cost associated with it. I live in a small, rural, Northern California town, which is more than two hours away from San Francisco where most of the CEU classes are held. Those who live in San Francisco can just drop in for the day and receive their units. I must drive for more than two hours, book a hotel and eat several meals in restaurants. Number two is that I believe all of the CEU's should be able to be done online. This would eliminate the travel requirements associated with CEU's and would significantly reduce the course costs. Many other medical professionals are now able to fulfill CEU requirements through online classes and I would ask that you consider providing the same privilege to Acupuncturists.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Patty Alessi, L.Ac., M.S.