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Dear Sir/Madam,

On 4/16/19 I submitted my comments regarding the the draft proposal for requiring malpractice insurance. I resubmit this comment for your consideration.

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understand the need for mandatory insurance for attorneys, but I think that there are certain exceptions that should be made.

For myself, my practice is limited to probate and simple estate planning which I have done over the last 40 years. As I am semi-retired, I probably put in fewer than 10 hours a week, and I earn less than \$10,000 per year. Under these circumstances I feel that mandatory insurance at the cost normally charged for attorneys is unpropitious high food an attorney in my case, Oh that although there are some insurance companies that charge much less for part-time attorneys.

I would like the Board of Governors to take the above into consideration when making a final decision decision on mandatory insurance.

If a proposal for mandatory insurance is passed, I would ask, based upon the factors that I have described above, that any limit on insurance coverage for semi-retired attorneys or attorneys practicing in very limited areas, be set at a lower rate, so that those attorneys need not pay the same insurance premiums charged to attorneys practicing full-time.

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Thank you.

Respectfully yours,

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