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To The Clerk Of The Court:

I wish to express my strong support for the amendments to GR 23 that would increase the number of Certified Professional Guardians (CPG) on the CPG Board, and open up the CPG Board meetings for the public and involved stakeholders to see and hear the workings and operations of the CPG Board.

In reviewing the data on other State of Washington Boards and other Washington professions, it is abundantly clear that having so few CPGs on the CPG Board is a deviation from the standard set by other boards. Having additional CPGs on the CPG Board would add an awareness of what CPGs actually do in their work and a deeper understanding of the daily challenges faced by CPGs.

Opening up more meetings of the CPG Board to the public and involved stakeholders would be in compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act set forth in RCW 42.30. The current practice of the CPG Board to have so many "executive sessions" does not comply with the intent and standard of care expected under this Statute. Secrecy and the appearance of secrecy should be not only avoided but prohibited.

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