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Dear Clerk,

I endorse the proposal to raise the cap on the number of certified professional guardians on the CPG Board. It only makes sense to have people with experience “in the trenches” be in the majority of those overseeing the profession and making policy to encourage and support best practices among their colleagues.

I also endorse making the CPG Board subject to the Open Public Meetings Act. There is much to be gained by making the Board’s work more transparent: greater trust from CPGs and the wider community, more accountability, and more opportunity for decisions to be well-informed by discussion and exchange of information and ideas.

Further, with the anti-guardian sentiment spurred by media focus on cases of guardianships gone wrong (such as celebrity cases with lay guardians) and films like “*I Care a Lot*,” the guardianship community needs a board that has its whole heart behind supporting the essential contributions guardians make to the individuals they serve, and to the public.

Thank you,

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