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Honorable Charles W. Johnson, Co-Chair
Honorable Mary I. Yu, Co-Chair
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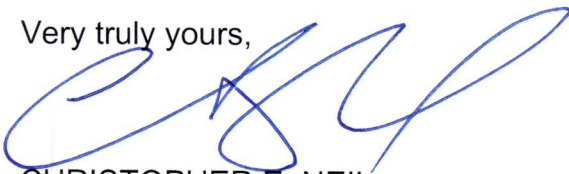
Re: Proposed Amendment to GR 23 Certification of Professional Guardians

Dear Justices Johnson and Yu:

We support the proposal to amend GR 23 to allow more Professional Guardians & Conservators to serve on the CPGC Board because it will enhance the Board's subject-matter expertise. Most Washington State regulatory boards and commissions have a majority of their members from the regulated profession.

We also support limiting Executive Sessions to discussions about applications and disciplinary matters; and the idea of making CPGC Board meetings subject to the Open Public Meetings Act.

Very truly yours,



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Director



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Enclosure: Board Composition by Profession

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Washington Boards and Commissions	Total Board Members	Regulated Professionals on Board	Percentage of Regulated Professionals on Board
Engineers and Land Surveyors	7	7	100%
Veterinary	6	5	83%
Massage Therapist	5	4	80%
Occupational Therapist	5	4	80%
Physical Therapist	6	5	80%
Chiropractors	14	11	79%
Psychologist	9	7	78%
WSBA Disciplinary Board	14	10	71%
Medical Quality Assurance (Physicians)	21	17	80%
Pharmacist	15	11	71%
Accountancy	9	6	67%
Collection Agents	4	2	50%
Certified Professional Guardians	13	3	23%
Judicial Conduct Commission	11	0	0%

Sources:

<http://www.governor.wa.gov/boards/profiles/default.aspx>

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Attached please find comments in support of the proposed amendment to GR 23.

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