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Dear Committee,

I'd like to note that it appears that the continuing education issues in the initial draft have been resolved so I certainly appreciate that being done.

With that said, I also agree with many of the other commenters that I'm not sure why there is this new desire to focus on Diversity, Equity & Inclusion ("DE&I") as a continuing education topic or requirement. This was not a common request in the comments to the 1st exposure draft nor does it appear to be actuarial in nature. The Academy and the Qualification Standards are meant to be objective organizations or subjects and should not be involved in political & social issues. The goals of the Standards should not be to "check the box" with some vague topics whereby CE providers are required to "create" sessions of ambiguous content. The actuarial profession historically has been about objective facts vs opinions and where the actuary needs to make assumptions they should disclose such assumptions. While DE&I initiatives may or may not be good business, they are not actuarial in nature and therefore I'd recommend they be removed from qualification standards as their inclusion would not improve the credentialing of actuaries nor their work product.

Again, thank you for your work and I look forward to seeing the next exposure draft and ultimately a final statement.

Sincerely,

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