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Dear Mr. Phillips,

Your name is listed on the “ATA Credential Amendment Initiative” material as a member who will be attending the ATA Conference and who will be willing to act as a proxy holder. As I am unable to be present at the Conference, I am sending you my proxy authorization and voting instructions.

I am certainly not against further education and demonstration of translation capability in order to maintain one’s credentials, but I agree that the overall membership should have more input in the creation and planning of the requirements for said maintenance.

As currently suggested by the ATA, the requirements would be difficult for many translators to meet from the point of view of time and expense. For freelancers particularly, assignments come with an immediacy of translation and a tight deadline for completion. Having to turn down too many assignments due to time spent in the effort to meet the requirements for continuing accreditation would lead to loss of income and a possible loss of future work. Would simply requiring a repeat of the accreditation examinations with more difficult material every few years not solve the problem? We do learn a great deal from working and more difficult material should test whether a translator has progressed in his or her profession.

Thank for your willingness to act as a proxy holder.

Very sincerely,

Margaret Cullen