



PROFESSIONAL
CERTIFICATION
COALITION

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Senator Joseph P. Cryan
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Re: Support for Legislation Addressing Commercial Cheating

Dear Senator Cryan:

The Professional Certification Coalition (PCC)¹ writes in strong support of the introduction of legislation prohibiting commercial cheating.

Commercial cheating undermines the integrity of education, professional certification, and licensure systems. These services pose significant risks to consumers, employers, and the public by enabling individuals to obtain academic credit, certifications, or credentials without demonstrating the requisite knowledge or competencies. A growing number of states have taken steps towards holding these services accountable; we urge New Jersey to do the same.

Maintaining the integrity of assessments used to award academic credit, certifications, and professional licenses is essential to protecting New Jersey residents. Licensure and certification signal competence and readiness to serve the public—attributes that ensure that doctors, caregivers, architects, electricians, and other professionals are fit to service New Jersey residents. Commercial cheating services enable unqualified individuals to bypass evaluation requirements and misrepresent their qualifications by submitting work that is not their own or by using unauthorized assistance during examinations.

These practices pose significant safety and welfare risks in fields where credentials signal readiness to serve the public. If commercial cheating services continue operating without meaningful accountability, public trust in certified professionals and credentialing bodies will be significantly undermined. A certification or license to practice will no longer signal competence, and the public will have no reliable way of discerning who is fit to treat their illness or care for their loved one. The threat is greater now than ever, as many commercial cheating services now use generative AI to expand and scale their operations.

¹ The PCC is a nonprofit, nonpartisan association formed to address legislation that affects professional certification programs, those who hold private certification credentials, and the many constituencies that rely on professional certification. The PCC's organizational members include non-governmental professional certification organizations, professional societies, and service providers. Our members reflect a wide spectrum of professions, including health care, engineering, financial services, and information technology, among many others. Our founding organizations – the American Society of Association Executives (the leading organization for association management) and the Institute for Credentialing Excellence (the leading developer of accreditation standards for professional certification programs) – govern the PCC.

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For these reasons, we urge you to consider the model bill developed by the Credential Integrity Action Alliance (CIAA).² CIAA's model bill addresses modern educational and credentialing environments, including professional certification and licensure exams, while holding the businesses engaging in and marketing deceptive and exploitative practices accountable. The bill targets deceptive and exploitative conduct while preserving the ability of learners to receive legitimate tutoring, research assistance, and other support expressly permitted by a sponsoring organization. This careful approach ensures that the bill protects assessment integrity without interfering with lawful education services.

The PCC strongly supports the introduction of the CIAA model statute in New Jersey to address commercial cheating. Please feel free to contact us using the information below to discuss this further.

Sincerely,



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² <https://credentialintegrity.org/legislation/>



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Credentialing & Accreditation
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ABSA International: the
Association for Biosafety and
Biosecurity (ABSA)
Academy for Certification of
Vision Rehabilitation &
Education Professionals
(ACVREP)
American Association of
Critical-Care Nurses (AACN)
American Board for
Certification in Orthotics,
Prosthetics and Pedorthics
(ABCOP)
American Board of Certification
for Gastroenterology Nurses
(ABCGN)
American Board of Foot and
Ankle Surgery (ABFAS)
American Board of
Neuroscience Nursing (ABNN)
American Board of Nursing
Specialties (ABNS)
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Association (AMCA)
American Nurses Credentialing
Center (ANCC)
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(APA)
American Registry of
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(ARRT)
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Hearing Association (ASHA)
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Services Association (ATSSA)

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Education (AFCPE)
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Board (BACB)
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Professional Dog Trainers
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Executive International (CFRE)
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Institute (CFA Institute)
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Certification (CCMC)
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Scientific Specialty Boards
(CESB)
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(DANB)
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Marketing Association (DEMA)
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Technology Association (ESTA)
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Association (HSPA)
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Education Foundation (HPBA)
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Credentialing Center (HPCC)
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(NBC-HIS)

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(NBCOT)

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Technology and Surgical
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Education Credentialing
(NCHEC)

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Certification of Physician
Assistants (NCCPA)

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International (PATH)

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(PMI)

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