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Dr. James Gallagher, Chairman
State Board of Education
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Dear Dr. Gallagher:

Pursuant to Section 5(B.2) of the Regulatory Review Act, the undersigned offer comments regarding proposed Rulemaking #6-258 (Chapter 49 of Title 22 of the PA Code) submitted by the State Board of Education. Specifically, we suggest that the State Board eliminate all references to student learning outcomes, references to current Chapter 5 of the State Board's regulations, and language linking the certification of professional employees to preparation and instruction in curriculum content of the current Chapter 5 regulations.

We make these suggestions for two reasons. First, the Governor has indicated his plan to submit academic content standards to replace the current Chapter 5 regulations. Therefore, linking teacher preparation and certification to curriculum regulations likely to be superseded over the next few years, seems inappropriate and inefficient.

Second, linking Chapter 49 regulations to a body of curriculum regulations which have engendered such legislative opposition as has Chapter 5, seems to be counterproductive. Many of the changes supported in Chapter 49 are supported by proposed legislation. Chapter 5 has, however, provoked legislation in opposition to the current language in previous legislative sessions.

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Based upon the foregoing reasons, we ask the State Board to consider our suggested revisions as these regulations are prepared for final rulemaking.

Thank you for your time and consideration of these suggestions.

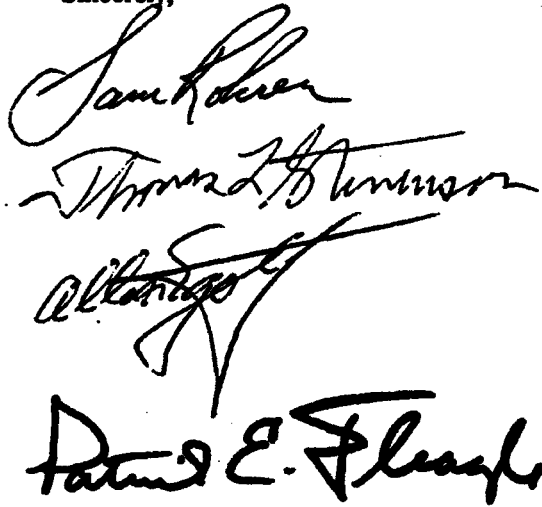
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