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Dear Mr. Nyce:

I am writing pursuant to a motion approved by the House Finance Committee regarding the Department of Revenue's proposed rulemaking regarding "Sales and Use Tax; Publications and Advertising Materials". This proposed rulemaking was published at pages 6572 to 6574 of the Pennsylvania Bulletin (12/20/97).

The Finance Committee believes that the definition of "direct mail advertising literature or materials" in the proposed rulemaking should be amended to include mailing lists. The proposed definition of that term already includes envelopes and address labels. Modern mailing techniques are making address labels increasingly obsolete. Therefore, it would be appropriate to take into consideration the methods by which current and future technology will handle the function of putting a name and address on a piece of direct mail.

If I can provide you with any further information on the Finance Committee's position, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karl Boyes".

Karl Boyes, Chairman
House Finance Committee