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John R. McGinley, Jr., Chairman
Independent Regulatory Review Commission
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Dear Chairman McGinley:

This is to advise you that the House Professional Licensure Committee met on Wednesday, May 6, 1998, and submits the following comments pertaining to the regulations considered by the Committee:

Regulation 16A-413, State Architects Licensure Board. The Committee voted to approve the regulation.

Regulation 16A-642, State Board of Auctioneer Examiners. The Committee voted to take no action until a final-form regulation is submitted. However, the Committee submits the following comment: The Professional Licensure Committee would like a categorized explanation of the cost estimates for the Board's operating expenses so the Committee can determine if an increase is justified.

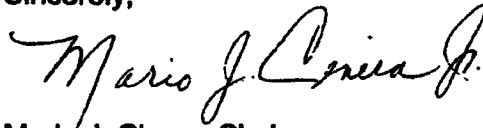
Regulation 16A-707, State Board of Certified Real Estate Appraisers. The Committee voted to take no action until a final-form regulation is submitted.

Regulation 16A-633, State Board of Psychology. The Committee submits the following comments: 1. The Committee questions what happens in the case where a psychologist has a romantic relationship and an immediate family member of the party with whom they are having that preexisting relationship seeks psychological services. Would the psychologist be able to treat the immediate family member or would treatment be prohibited? 2. The Committee questions the phrasing in the definition of "sexual intimacies." Specifically, the examples given include "non-therapeutic verbal communications" and "inappropriate non-verbal communications." The Committee believes this language should be clarified to limit the prohibitions to only non-therapeutic verbal communications or inappropriate non-verbal communications of a sexual or romantic nature.

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Please feel free to contact my office if any questions should arise.

Sincerely,



Mario J. Civera, Chairman
Professional Licensure Committee

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