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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
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May 3, 2000

Michael H. Hershock, President and Chief Executive Officer
Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency
1200 N. 7th St.
Harrisburg, PA 17102

Re: IRRC Regulation #1933 (#58-23)
State Grant Program; Early Childhood Education
Professional Loan Forgiveness Program

Dear Mr. Hershock:

We discussed with your staff today several areas in this regulation that could be corrected or clarified by tolling. We recommend that you consider the following revisions:

1. Correct references in Section 121.9(b)(15)(i) – (viii) for consistency with revised subsections in the final-form regulation.
2. Correct references in Section 121.10(b)(2)(i) – (x) for consistency with revised subsections in the final-form regulation.
3. Incorporate by reference Section 488A of the Higher Education Act of 1995 (20 U.S.C.A. § 1095(a)), rather than recite portions of that statutory provision in the regulation.

If the Department chooses to toll the review period, it must deliver written notice to both the Standing Committees and the Commission on the same day. The written notice must be delivered prior to any Standing Committee action on the regulation, or before the end of the Standing Committee's review period on May 17, 2000, whichever occurs first.

As required by Section 307.5 of our regulations, written notice must include:

1. A citation to the section(s) the Department is considering revising;

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2. A description of the revisions being contemplated; and
3. An explanation of how the revisions will satisfy our concerns.

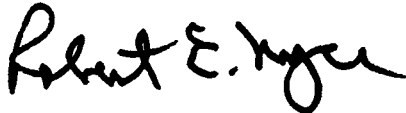
Should we object to tolling, the following will occur:

- We will notify you and the Standing Committees within two business days after receipt of your tolling notice;
- The review period will not be tolled; and
- The Commission at our public meeting on May 25, 2000 will consider your regulation.

If the Commission does not object, the review period will be tolled for up to 30 days beginning with receipt of your letter and ending on the day you resubmit the regulation.

If you have any questions, please call me at 783-5506.

Sincerely,



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