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Independent Regulatory Review Commission
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Dear Mr. Nyce:

I am writing in reference to the latest submission of the Pennsylvania State Police in regard to administrative regulations regarding the Uniform Firearms Act (IRRC # 1941 and Governor's ID # 17-60; current filing received by IRRC on Aug. 2, 2000).

As you will recall, the Pennsylvania Psychiatric Society objected in June to the mental health component of those regulations, specifically Section 33.120, both (a) and (b). Since that time, the State Police have worked with us to develop regulatory language which conform to the Uniform Firearms Act and to the mental health commitment procedures which the UFA references.

The revisions to § 33.120 as they appear in the current filing are the result of our discussions, and they contain our agreed-upon language. We thus withdraw our objections to the regulations, and look forward to working with the Police to develop appropriate reporting forms.

As always, we appreciate the opportunity to comment and to work with IRRC to resolve potential problems related to regulations requiring expertise in mental health procedures and services.

Sincerely yours,

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