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John R. McGinley, Jr., Chairman  
Independent Regulatory Review Commission  
14th Floor, Harristown 2  
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Dear Mr. McGinley:

I have had the opportunity to review the final form regulations submitted by the Lobbying Disclosure Regulations Promulgation Committee as revised at their meeting of June 24. I believe the regulations were measurably improved and that their timely publication is appropriate.

The Committee made a number of changes in response to issues raised by your Commission, the Ad Hoc Subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations, and other commentators. While some issues remain, the regulations are clearer, fairer, and more generally consistent with the underlying legislation.

With an August 1 effective date looming and serious litigation threatening the very existence of the new law, it seems that it is now time to move forward with the regulations and thereby answer at least one complaint of the new law's critics.

Accordingly, I encourage the Commission to approve the regulations as revised. On all the major issues they are not inconsistent with the legislative intent.

May I express my thanks to the Commission and its staff for its most constructive work in moving these regulations to the point of acceptability.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steve MacNett".

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