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Dear Chairman McGinley:

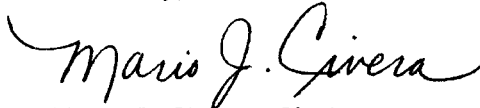
Please be advised that on May 11, 1999, the House Professional Licensure Committee held a meeting to review Regulation 16A-655, which was submitted by the State Board of Physical Therapy as proposed rulemaking. The Committee voted to take no formal action until final-form regulations are promulgated. However, the Committee submits the following comments:

1. The Committee is requesting additional information as to the categories of "certification of examination scores or licensure" for physical therapists, "certification of examination scores or certification" for athletic trainers, and "certification of exam scores or registration" for physical therapist assistants. The Committee is questioning under what circumstances the Board would "certify" an examination score. In the fee report form, the explanations as to what functions the Board staff performs for certification and verification are identical. The Committee requests an explanation as to the distinction between these two categories and what accounts for the differential in fees.
2. The fee report forms list a total estimated cost for each service based on a formula of staff time expended plus average administrative overhead. However, in all but a few cases, the proposed fee to be charged is rounded up to the nearest five dollar increment. The Committee is requesting an explanation as to why the proposed fees are rounded up, and are not the actual cost of services as estimated by the Board.
3. In response to Question 25 of the Regulatory Analysis Form, the Board states that the proposed fees are generally consistent with the fees of other states, and will not place Pennsylvania at a disadvantage with other states. The Committee is requesting more specific information as to how the proposed fees actually compare with other states.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mario J. Civera". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "M" and a stylized "C" for "Civera".

Mario J. Civera, Chairman
House Professional Licensure Committee

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cc: Jay Irrgang, Chairman
State Board of Physical Therapy
Hon. Kim H. Pizzingrilli, Secretary of the Commonwealth
Department of State