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John R. McGinley, Jr., Chairman  
Independent Regulatory Review Commission  
14<sup>th</sup> Floor, Harristown 2  
333 Market Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Dear Chairman McGinley:

Please be advised that on June 14, 1999, the House Professional Licensure Committee held a meeting to review Regulation 16A-626, which was submitted by the State Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators 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 category of "certification of examination scores." 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.

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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 written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "M".

**Mario J. Civera, Chairman**  
**House Professional Licensure Committee**

cc: Robert H. Morrow, Chairman  
State Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators  
Honorable Kim H. Pizzigrilli, Secretary of the Commonwealth  
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