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Dear Ms. Sopko:

On behalf of the 26,000 members of the Pennsylvania Association of REALTORS® (PAR), we welcome the opportunity to comment on the proposed revised fee structure and application fees for real estate schools in Pennsylvania. This proposal was published in the August 7, 1999 edition of *The Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

The proposed rulemaking would adjust fees for services to allocate costs to those who use services provided by the Commission. This proposal is based on a recent systems audit of Commission operations, which determined that current fees for listed services do not accurately reflect the actual cost of providing these services.

PAR does not foresee any major difficulties with this revised fee structure. One minor concern has been raised that the proportional cost of changing the name, location or ownership of real estate schools has increased significantly when compared to the cost of approving a real estate school.

PAR appreciates the opportunity to share our views with the Commission on this subject. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns about this matter.

Sincerely,

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