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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
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February 15, 2001

Honorable Samuel E. Hayes, Jr., Secretary
Department of Agriculture
211 Agriculture Building
2301 North Cameron Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110

Re: Regulation #2-123 (IRRC #2091)
Department of Agriculture
Farm Safety and Occupational Health Tuition Assistance Program

Dear Secretary Hayes:

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission approved your regulation on February 15, 2001. Our Order is enclosed and is available on our website at www.irrc.state.pa.us.

We appreciate the joint effort that went into producing a regulation that met the criteria and intent of the Regulatory Review Act.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John R. McGinley, Jr.", written over a circular stamp or seal.

John R. McGinley, Jr.

Chairman

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Enclosure

cc: Honorable Raymond Bunt, Jr., Majority Chairman, House Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee
Honorable Peter J. Daley, II, Democratic Chairman, House Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee
Honorable Mike Waugh, Chairman, Senate Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee
Honorable Michael A. O'Pake, Minority Chairman, Senate Agriculture & Rural Affairs Committee
John Tacclosky, Department of Agriculture
Phillip Pitzer, Department of Agriculture

**INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION
APPROVAL ORDER**

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held February 15, 2001

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Regulation No. 2-123
Department of Agriculture
Farm Safety and Occupational Health
Tuition Assistance Program

On January 31, 2000, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the Department of Agriculture (Department). This rulemaking adds Chapter 138i to 7 Pa. Code. The proposed regulation was published in the February 12, 2000 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on January 24, 2001.

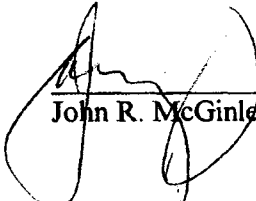
This regulation is a tuition assistance program for individuals involved in agriculture production who attend farm safety, occupational health and emergency response programs. Applicants may receive up to \$100 annually.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Department (3 P.S. §§ 1905 and 1906(a)) and the intention of the General Assembly. Having considered all of the other criteria of the Regulatory Review Act, we find promulgation of this regulation is in the public interest.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

This regulation is approved.





John R. McGinley, Jr., Chairman