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December 14, 2001

The Honorable John R. McGinley, Jr., Chairman INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION 14th Floor, Harristown 2, 333 Market Street Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17101

> Re: Regulation 16A-694 (Licensure) State Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors

Dear Chairman McGinley:

By this letter, the State Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors formally withdraws its final form rulemaking number 16A-694 relating to Licensure, submitted on November 27, 2001.

The Board is withdrawing this rulemaking to ensure that all individuals who commented on the proposed regulation and requested a copy of the final regulation were sent the required information. Due to turnover in the Board's staff, an incomplete mailing list was inadvertently used to send copies of the final form regulation to commentators. As a result, some commentators did not receive the information they had requested.

The Board apologizes for any inconvenience resulting from this action, and looks forward to resubmitting the final form rulemaking at a later date.

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State Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors

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TRANSMITTAL SHEET FOR REGULATIONS SUBJECT TO THE REGULATORY REVIEW ACT

| I.D. NUMBE | ER: 16A-694 |
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| SUBJECT: | State Board of Social Workers, Marriage & Family Therapists & Professional Counselors - Licensure |
| AGENCY: | DEPARTMENT OF STATE |
| TYPE OF REGULATION | |
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| | Proposed Regulation |
| X | Final Regulation - WITHDRAWAL |
| | Final Regulation with Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Omitted |
| | 120-day Emergency Certification of the Attorney General |
| | 120-day Emergency Certification of the Governor |
| | Delivery of Tolled Regulation a. With Revisions b. Without Revisions |
| FILING OF REGULATION | |
| DATE | SIGNATURE DESIGNATION |
| 12-14-01 | HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE |
| 12/14/01 | Senate committee on consumer protection & professional licensure |
| 12/14/01 | independent regulatory review commission |
| | ATTORNEY GENERAL |
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