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Mr. John R. McGinley, Jr., Esq., Chairman
Independent Regulatory Review Commission
333 Market Street, 14th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Dear Mr. McGinley:

I am writing in support of the Department of Public Welfare's final form regulation, No. 14-472, that amends the rules and requirements for the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program, General Assistance (GA), and TANF-related and GA related Medicaid programs.

In my view, the regulation accurately reflects the intent of federal and state welfare reform legislation by emphasizing personal responsibility, work and self-sufficiency. It also provides opportunities, incentives and supports to those individuals who face substantial barriers to breaking the cycle of dependency and achieving financial independence. Finally, the regulation incorporates appropriate Departmental responses to the comments received following proposed rulemaking, and the regulation is now more reflective of the manner in which welfare reform has been implemented in the Commonwealth.

Again, I support regulation 14-472 and would urge the Independent Regulatory Review Commission to approve the regulation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Harold F. Mowery, Jr.".

Harold F. Mowery, Jr., Chairman
Senate Public Health & Welfare Committee

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cc. Robert E. Nyce, Executive Director
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