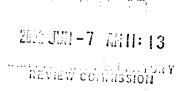
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Dear Commissioner McGinley:

I am writing as President of the Pennsylvania Medical Society to comment on the State Board of Medicine proposed biennial physician licensing fee increase currently before the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC).

The Society was actively engaged in the discussions and negotiations which led to the passage of Act 13 "the Medical Care Availability and Reduction of Error Act". We understand the need for and support the expanded function of the Board of Medicine under the Act in order to provide increased patient safety.

Therefore, the Society is not opposed to the proposed biennial physician license fee increase. The Society hopes to work actively with the Board and the Department of State to establish an effective monitoring program including development of appropriate criteria and process for the screening and prioritization of reported claims and liability suits for investigation by the Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposed rulemaking.

Sincerely,

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