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John R. McGinley, Jr.  
Chairperson  
Independent Regulatory Review Commission  
333 Market Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Dear Mr. McGinley:

The Pennsylvania Medical Society strongly supports regulation #16A-4914 State Board of Medicine-Continuing Medical Education (CME) that the Medical Board intends to submit as final form regulations. The regulation implements the CME mandate which requires physicians to obtain 100 hours of CME as a condition of license renewal.

The Medical Board clarified the regulations since they were first published, specifically by including examples of topics that satisfy the requirement for education in patient safety and risk management. The Society is pleased that the Medical Board realized the impracticality and hardship of implementing the 100 hours of CME requirement for the January 1, 2005, licensure cycle and determined to significantly reduce the CME for this renewal period, delaying full implementation for the January 1, 2007, licensure cycle.

We urge that the IRRC approve and expedite the regulations through the finalization process.

Sincerely,

Jitendra M. Desai, MD  
President

Cc: The Honorable Robert Tomlinson, Chair,  
Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee  
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