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Honorable Calvin B. Johnson, M.D., M.P.H., Secretary Department of Health 802 Health and Welfare Building Harrisburg, PA 17108

Re: Regulation #10-177 (IRRC #2440) Department of Health Schedules of Controlled Substances

Dear Secretary Johnson:

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission has reviewed your proposed regulation. We have no objections, comments, or recommendations to offer on this regulation. If you deliver the final-form regulation without revisions, and the committees do not take any action, it will be deemed approved.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director wbg

cc: Honorable Harold F. Mowery, Jr., Chairman, Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee Honorable Vincent J. Hughes, Minority Chairman, Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee Honorable Frank L. Oliver, Democratic Chairman, House Health and Human Services Committee Honorable George T. Kenney, Jr., Majority Chairman, House Health and Human Services Committee