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The Honorable Kathleen McGinty
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Dear Secretary McGinty:

I am sure you are aware of the considerable discussion that has taken place over the final regulations on the handling, use, and storage of explosives. Over the past several months I have been contacted by a variety of groups representing the pyrotechnics, demolition, and aggregates industries.

These groups expressed serious concern over the potential financial and implementation consequences associated with these regulations. I realize the department met with many of these same representatives during the latter stages of the regulatory review process. Undoubtedly you are familiar with their concerns.

Once the regulations were presented to the Environmental Quality Board, Senators White, and Musto, and I offered amendments which the department accepted. In addition to these amendments, some suggestions made by industry were also incorporated, helping to increase the workability of the regulations. However, due to the abbreviated timeframe set by the department to implement these regulations, it seems that sufficient opportunity to consider the full range of options was not possible.

I am sure you will agree that discussion should not be closed on these regulations. Consequently, I would urge the department to hold additional meetings with industry representatives about these regulations, with the goal of creating

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additional refinements to them. I understand the importance of properly addressing the security of explosives, however, I believe with continuing discussions a practical and more effective set of rules will result.

I appreciate your willingness to be open minded about this process and to consider the suggestion I have raised. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,



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Cc: Mr. John McGinley, Jr. Chairman, ✓
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