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Alvin C. Bush, Chairman Independent Regulatory Review Commission 333 Market Street 14th Floor Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17101

RE: Reg. No. 2505 State Board of Medicine #16A-4916: Physician Assistants

Dear Chairman Bush:

The Pennsylvania State Coroners Association filed comments to the above-captioned proposed regulation of the State Board of Medicine regarding the appropriate notification of a coroner when a death occurs and the physician assistant is available to sign the death certificate.

The Coroners are pleased to note that the State Board of Medicine took these comments into account and accordingly modified the regulation.

The Pennsylvania State Coroners Association has no further objections to the regulation as currently amended.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Susan M. Shanaman, Solicitor

Cc: All Commissioners

John H. Jewett, Regulatory Analyst

Dr. Charles D. Hummer, Chairman State Board of Medicine

Gerald S. Smith, Esquire, Counsel to the State Board of Medicine

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