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To Whom It May Concern:

Attached, please find a copy of a letter from the Bureau of Career and Technical Education regarding a statement letter from Dominic Centonze on proposed 22 PA. Code, Chapter 339 Vocational Education.

If you have any questions or concerns, you may contact me at 717-787-5530 or lburket@state.pa.us.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lee Burket".

Lee Burket, Ed.D.
Acting Director
Bureau of Career and Technical Education



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Dominic Centonze
Agriculture Science Instructor
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Myerstown, PA 17067

Dear Mr. Centonze:

Thank you for your statement letter of March 2, 2006 on proposed 22 Pa. Code, Chapter 339 Vocational Education.

Your letter is considered as official public comment. Pursuant to the provisions of the Regulatory Review Act, copies of your comments will be provided to the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC) and the Chairpersons of the House and Senate Education Committees.

The Regulatory Review Act provides that information on proposed and final regulations be mailed to public commentators at their request. If you would like to receive the final-form of these regulations when they are finalized, please send your request to me at the address printed above.

Sincerely yours,

Lee Burket, Ed.D.
Acting Director
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cc: Senator Rhoades
Senator Musto
Representative Stairs
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March 2, 2006, 2006

Robert G. Barlett, Director
Bureau of Career and Technical Education
333 Market Street
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Dear Mr. Barlett:

Subject: Public Comment: Chapter 339 and Agriculture Education Impact

As a teacher in an agriscience program that has a history of a strong three-pronged approach to agricultural education: classroom instruction, FFA, and Supervised Agricultural Experience, I am very concerned about the hour requirements put forth in Chapter 339. As I am sure you are well aware, many of the outstanding agricultural education programs and FFA chapters throughout the state are currently delivered through comprehensive high schools. I have a very serious concern that the 360 hour stipulation for reimbursement will have a very negative impact on many quality programs. Somewhere someone has made a very serious miscalculation as to the impact that Agriculture Education has on our state.

Sincerely,

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