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Arthur Coccodrilli
Independent Regulatory Review Commission
14th Floor, 333 Market Street
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Dear Chairman Coccodrilli:

I am requesting that you support passage of the final-form child care regulations that provide minimum standards for the operation of some 9,000 child care facilities serving over 300,000 children. Pennsylvania's children deserve out-of-home care in facilities that are safe, secure and that utilize "best practices" based on current research.

Over the past 13 years, a number of up-dates have been made to the regulations promulgated in 1992. These up-dates include correct references to applicable laws, improved opportunities for facility compliance, and increased accessibility of the regulations for both practitioners and families. Most importantly, the twelve policy statements released since 1992 relating to emergency plans and supervision of children, as well as the changes to the health and safety recommendations, must be incorporated into the regulations to ensure a document that is clear, consistent, and appropriate for the protection of all children served.

Once again, I urge your support of the final-form regulations to ensure children's safety and protection in regulated environments that provide opportunities for optimum developmental outcomes for children. I appreciate your assistance and your action. Thank you for your sponsorship.

Sincerely,


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