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

Dear Commissioners,

The Pennsylvania Child Care Association has reviewed the final form regulations for Chapters 3270, 3280, 3290, Child Care Facilities, regulation number 14-506 (#2439). We note that areas of concern in the proposed regulations have been addressed. PACCA supports the final form regulations. We urge that these regulations be approved and implemented. These changes will go a long way in protecting the health, safety and rights of all children in inclusive settings.

Pennsylvania Child Care Association (PACCA) is a statewide non-profit association representing organizations and individuals with a professional and business interest in the child care field. Our membership is very diverse and includes Child Care Information Service agencies, Child Care Regional Keys, many Head Start facilities as well as the vast majority of our membership – licensed child care providers. These providers care for the Commonwealth's children in registered family day care and certified, group and center child care settings. Our members provide care to over 200,000 children in the Commonwealth from infants through school age.

The association will make its resources available to help providers understand changes to the regulations.

Sincerely,

Terry Casey Executive Director

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