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October 17, 2006

INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION 333 Market Street, 14th Floor, Harrieburg, PA 17101

Dear Commission,

In reference to the regulation number #14-506 (#2539) and 168-1405 we would like to state the following: on behalf of the United Way of Lackawanna County and it's numerous agencies and child care providers represented through our early care program Success By 6, (over 100 organizations) we would like to extend our SUPPORT for the final-form regulations for Chapters 3270, 3280, 3290 and 3300, for Child Care Facilities.

We have GRAVE concerns regarding a change that DOES NOT require non-profit centers to be certified by the Department of Public Welfare. The non-certification will clearly negatively impact the certification regulations, in addition to negatively impacting the subsidy regulation as we will only pay centers that are certified or exempt from certification under Chapters 3270 and 3280.

If you have any questions, please call me at your convenience at 570-343-1267x232.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely.

Elaine Errico, Director

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