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Independent Regulatory Review Commission  
333 Market Street, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Harrisburg PA 17101

Re: Regulation #14-506 (#2539)  
Regulation #14-505 (#2549)

Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of the Philadelphia Alliance for Better Child Care, I write to you in support of the final-form regulations for Chapters 3270, 3280, 3290 and 3300, Child Care Facilities and final-form regulation for Chapter 168, Child Care Subsidy.

It is imperative to update the certification standards to aid in protecting the health, safety and rights of children and to reduce risks to children in child care centers, group child day care homes (GDCH) and family child day care homes (FDCH).

The Philadelphia Alliance for Better Child Care (ABC) is the Community Engagement Group for Philadelphia County. The work of ABC is ultimately to improve outcomes for young children by ensuring that they have high-quality early childhood experiences and enter school ready to learn. ABC does this by addressing the transition from child care to kindergarten, promoting an increased participation in Keystone STARS (the state's continuous quality improvement initiative for early care and learning programs), coordinating child care licensing and educating families and communities on the importance of high-quality early care and learning.

Sincerely,

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