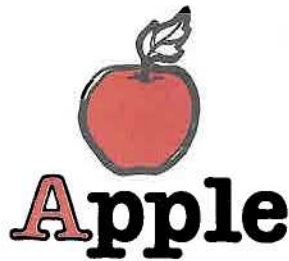


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Independent Regulatory Review Commission
333 Market Street, 14th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17101

**Re: Chapter 168 Child Care Final Form Regulation
Regulation No. 14-505**

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to provide public comment with regard to the above-captioned proposed rulemaking. I have been the Director of Apple Child Care Services which has been a Child Care Information Service (CCIS) agency or its equivalent for the past 25 years. I am therefore intimately familiar with the agencies, providers, and clients who will be affected by this proposed child care rulemaking.

I have studied the proposed Chapter 168 of Child Care Regulations and am in full support of these regulations to unify the OIM and OCD policies for delivering subsidized child care to eligible clients. This will permit easier access to affordable quality child care while permitting parent choice of providing parents with a broad range of child care options that best meets the needs of the child and the family. These regulations should streamline the process of matching quality providers with parents' child care needs. This should also provide for more reliable and faster provider payments which can only expand the base of participating providers that will increase access to quality child care.

Sincerely,

Gregory J. Gore
Executive Director

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cc: Robert Frein