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Mr. Alvin C. Bush  
Chairman  
Independent Regulatory Review Commission  
333 Market Street, 14th Floor  
Harrisburg, PA 17101

RE: Regulation No. 14-505 (#2549)

Dear Chairman Bush:

Pennsylvania Partnerships for Children (PPC) is a strong, effective, and trusted voice for improving the health, education, and well-being of the Commonwealth's children. PPC supports the Chapter 168 Child Care final rulemaking that allows the Department of Public Welfare to: unify the subsidized child care system for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Food Stamps, and General Assistance families at the Child Care Information Service agencies, require a vendor pay system which pays providers rather than parents, and aligns child care policies to be consistent with those CCIS agencies currently follow.

PPC has long advocated for changes in the system that would remove unnecessary administrative barriers in the subsidized child care system. PPC believes that the final rulemaking moves Pennsylvania ahead in creating a seamless system that will insure the accessibility of accountable and appropriate child care for low income, working families.

Sincerely,

Joan L. Benso  
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cc: Robert J. Frein, Director, Bureau of Subsidized Child Care Services

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