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Mr. Jim Buckheit, Executive Director State Board of Education 333 Market Street Harrisburg, PA 17126-0333

Dear Mr. Buckheit:

I am writing to oppose the proposed amendments to the State Board of Education's teacher certification regulations (Chapter 49-2) that are now before the Independent Regulatory Review Commission.

The regulations, if finally adopted, would make it more difficult for us to appropriately staff our schools. This regulation would lead to a lack of broadly prepared elementary teachers and there would be an inability to integrate curriculum in upper elementary grades. This would also result in less flexibility to staff elementary schools and lead to shortages in upper-elementary certified and special education certified teachers.

For these reasons, we urge you to disapprove the Chapter 49-2 regulations.

Sincerely,

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