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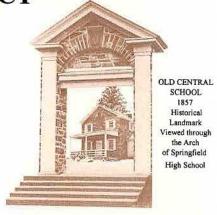
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Mr. Kim Kaufman, Executive Director Independent Regulatory Review Commission 333 Market Street, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor Harrisburg, PA 17101

Dear Mr. Kaufman:

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 our District to appropriately staff our schools because of a lack of broadly prepared elementary teachers, inability to integrate curriculum in upper elementary grades, anticipated shortages, as well as lost flexibility.

We urge you to DISAPPROVE the Chapter 49-2 regulations.

Sincerely

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