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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY
REVIEW COMMISSION

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November 17, 2008

Michael Yeosock, Chairman
State Board of Funeral Directors
2601 N. Third Street
Harrisburg, PA 17110

Re: Regulation 16A-4817

Dear Mr. Yeosock:

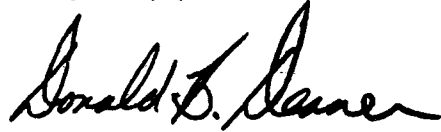
The Pennsylvania Funeral Directors Association is a firm member professional association of over 1,100 funeral homes in this Commonwealth. It is one of the largest and oldest associations in this country.

We have received notice of the above proposed regulation and the intention of the Independent Regulatory and Review Commission to act on it during its December 18, 2008 meeting.

PFDA wishes to go on record as not necessarily opposing this regulation with the caveat that more of the resources of the State Board be devoted to the investigation and prosecution of preneed violations. This Association is extremely concerned about the extent to which licensees in this Commonwealth are being held accountable regarding consumers' money, particularly in the face of the national scandals involving National Prearranged Services and others.

We will continue to monitor the proceedings before the Board and will weigh what occurs between now and the next proposed fee increase in order to determine the extent to which we may or may not support such additional increase.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Donald B. Deane". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "D".

Donald B. Deane, President
PFDA

Cc: Basil Merenda, Esquire, Commissioner
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