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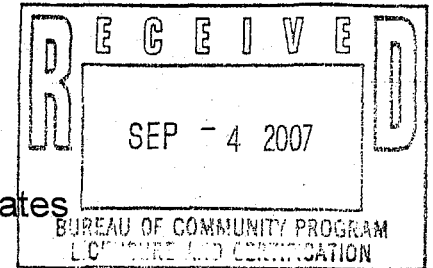
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To the Dept. of Health Regarding the Proposed Regulations published in the PA Bulletin Aug 2007.

Disability Options Network is concerned that the PA Department of Health is in violation of Act 69.

ACT 69 requires that the Dept of Health develop regulations in **Consultation** with advisory groups that represent persons with physical disabilities. The Dept of Health has not met the requirements of the law.

Furthermore, the Dept of Health is required to take into consideration the preferences and philosophies of persons with physical disabilities who receive services and again has not met the requirements of the law.

The proposed regulations do not address the unique place of Consumer-driven organizations nor the philosophies that oppose medical oppression in personal assistance services.

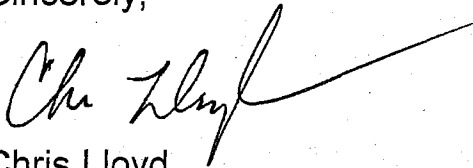
The definition sections of the regulations do not define centers for independent living or consumer-driven organizations or the philosophies of consumer control and the rejection of the medical model in favor of the independent living model. As such, the

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Department of Health has imposed medically oriented regulations directly opposed to the language and intent of Act 69.

Disability Options Network demands that the Department of Health meet with people that use the services, to discuss the regulations, in-person in regional meetings. The Department must also meet with consumer-driven organizations to reach an acceptable definition of this type of organization.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Lloyd", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Chris Lloyd
Executive Director