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Ms. Kim Kaufman
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Dear Ms. Kaufman,

As Majority Chair of the House Special Education Sub-Committee, I am writing to request that the IRRC review the original concerns expressed by Pennsylvania's Service Network for Autism and Intellectual Disabilities (PAR) regarding preneed funeral arrangements. I understand that IRRC will be voting on the final form regulations on Thursday, October 22.

I understand that there is widespread concern among the disability community that the lack of clarity in the proposed regulations could have an adverse impact on this community. In 2007, the House Professional Licensure Committee made recommendations regarding portability provisions and requested that the board verify that preneed customers would not have eventual problems with their spend-down requirements for social security and medical assistance programs. IRRC shared this recommendation at the time.

Please take the time to clarify the regulations before voting to pass them. We should not penalize the disability community with unintended consequences that can be avoided.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter that is most important to Pennsylvania families.

Sincerely,



Barbara McIlvaine Smith
State Representative
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