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To Whom it May Concern:

My name is David Simpson and I am a teacher of gifted students, and a parent. I am writing to request that the Independent Regulatory Review Commission approve the final form of Chapter 16, Special Education for Gifted Students at its September 18, 2008 meeting.

Over the course of the past year in talking to parents, students, teachers and administrators throughout the Commonwealth, it is clear that Chapter 16 is the most important guarantee to gifted students that they will receive appropriate educational services in Pennsylvania's schools. We as an educational community need to have these regulations in place to ensure that gifted students will have access to quality instruction now, and without further delay.

There are issues that have yet to be resolved, however. The final form does not include graduation planning requirements, specifics of the compliance monitoring process, nor specific definitions relating to teacher caseloads, including what constitutes full-time, part-time, or teacher of the gifted.

If the aforementioned issues are delineated in a forthcoming BEC and Gifted Guidelines document utilizing the expertise of those in PDE and the regulated community, then Chapter 16 in its final form represents improvement for gifted students in the Commonwealth. Therefore I respectfully request that IRRC approve the final form of Chapter 16.

Sincerely,

David B. Simpson