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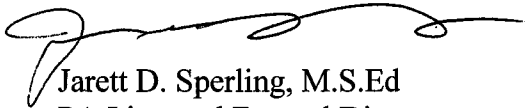
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Arthur Coccodrilli, Chariman
IRRC
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Dear Chariman Coccodrilli,

I am writing today in support of Regulation 16A-4816 concerning Pennsylvania Funeral Law. For many years our Commonwealth has been providing different legal opinions as to what constitutes prearranged funerals and who can perform the act of prearranging. This has led to many lawsuits and confusion as to the real meaning of the law. What regulation 16A-4816 provides is a clear-cut statement to the regulations and law concerning these activities. Furthermore the spirit of any law, rule or regulation should be the protection of consumers within our Commonwealth. This regulation ensures protection to consumers in knowing that a licensed funeral director must make the pre-arrangements. This licensee is held accountable to the Board of Funeral Directors via hefty fines and loss of license if they act in illegal or unethical manner. Without this regulation the door will be open to unscrupulous individuals to prey on the likes of senior citizens and soon to be grieving families in the Commonwealth. We already see this behavior in the unregulated cemetery industry with families on a daily basis. Thank you of taking the time to allow me to express this opinion and I look forward to hearing of a favorable outcome.

Yours truly,



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cc: Rep Michael Turzai

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