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IRRC Chairman, Arthur Coccodrilli 333 Market St. 14<sup>th</sup> Floor Harrisburg, Pa 17101 INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COLLAISSION

Dear Mr. Coccodrilli,

I am writing to you because I have received a bulletin regarding Regulation 16A-4816 of the State Board of funeral directors and I want to tell you I support this regulation, and very much so would like to see it be passed as written. The PCCFA is trying to undermine the funeral director license with allowing non-licensed persons to sell preneed funeral services and merchandise. I have gone to school for 4 years and I am now just getting started in the funeral industry. I do not want to see all my hard work and dedication to this field get thrown out the window because non-licensed personnel are doing exactly what I went to school to do. This quite possibly could be a powder keg ready to explode if there is no regulation on the type of people selling funerals. I can only imagine that the number of scams and unethical behavior will sky rocket if this legislation is not passed. On top of just my opinion I would like to inform you that in 2009 consumers in an independent study supported that only licensed individuals should sell pre-need and at need services and 87.3% of the study agreed only licensed persons should do so.

I would also like to say that the AARP is also in support of regulation 16A-4816. I just wanted to take this time to inform you that Regulation 16A-4816 is the only choice and should be 100% supported to continue the integrity of this profession.

Sincerely,

Alan D Dodson Jr.