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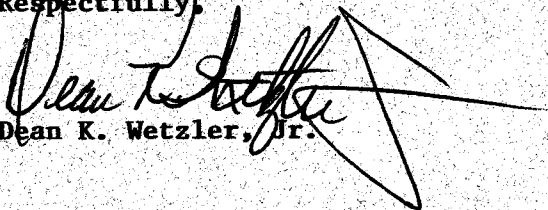
Dear Mr. Coccodrilli,

Currently, Regulation 16A-4816 is before the IRRC for review prior to a decision regarding the ability of unlicensed persons to solicit or arrange funeral services in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

For the past four years the State Board of Funeral Directors has held public meetings seeking input from interested parties prior to promulgating this regulation. AARP strongly supports the position of the State Board as does two surveys of persons in the Commonwealth who believe that ONLY licensed funeral directors should be permitted to sell or offer to sell prearranged funerals in Pennsylvania.

As a licensed funeral director for more than forty years I ask that the IRCC carefully review the position of the State Board of Funeral Directors, the views of citizens of the Commonwealth & make a judgement based on the evidence presented and allow ONLY licensed funeral directors engage in the pre-arranging and pre-financing of funeral services.

Respectfully,


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