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November 12, 2009

Dear Chairman Coccodrilli,

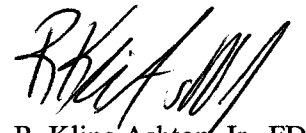
We are writing to you to express our strong support for Regulation 16A-4816 as proposed by the State Board of Funeral Directors. As fourth and fifth generation Pennsylvania licensed funeral directors, our reputation and care and concern for the families we serve are paramount. This regulation is necessary to protect those families, while preserving the integrity of the professional license we earned and value.

The State Board has written this regulation to address the issues in the Walker case, while staying compliant with the Funeral Director Law which prohibits the offer to sell or selling of preneed arrangements by unlicensed individuals. Regulation 16A-4816 was proposed following intense review and hearings by the State Board. It is in the public's best interest!

Please share our request for the approval of Regulation 16A-4816 in its current form with your colleagues on the IRRC.

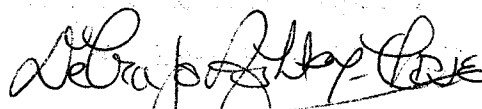
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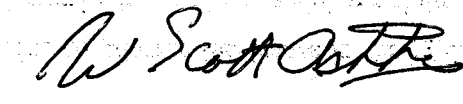

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