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November 8, 2009

Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman IRRC  
333 Market Street  
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Harrisburg, PA 17101

Dear Chairman Coccodrilli:

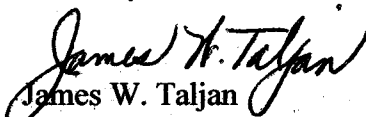
It is my hope that as a Licensed Funeral Director in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, that you strongly consider supporting Regulation 16A-4816, as proposed by the Pennsylvania State Board of Funeral Directors.

I'm sure you are aware of the federal court case, Walker v. Flitton, 2005, and the findings that did not overrule Pennsylvania Statute or Case Law. This Statute provides that only a licensed funeral director can sell or offer pre-need services and merchandise. This ruling was also upheld in the appellate courts.

It is also my understanding that the Pennsylvania State Board of Funeral Directors conducted public meetings regarding this issue with overwhelming support that only licensed funeral directors should be able to arrange pre-need and at-need funeral services.

Thank you for your serious consideration and recommendation of endorsement of Regulation 16A-4816.

Sincerely,

  
James W. Taljan  
Funeral Director

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