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Dear

Arthur Coccodrilli

I am writing to you today as a Pennsylvania licensed funeral director to ask for your support for Regulation 16A-4816 (activities of unlicensed persons in preneed sales) as proposed by the State Board of Funeral Directors. I strongly support this regulation.

I believe Regulation 16A-4816 is in the public's best interest. I respectfully request that you send a letter to Chairman Arthur Coccodrilli, Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC) and ask for IRRC's approval of this regulation.

The State Board of Funeral Directors has held public hearings the past four years in order to address the issues raised in the federal court case Walker v. Flitton (2005), prior to promulgation of Regulation 16A-4816.

The State Board has carefully written this regulation to address the issues in the Walker case, while staying in compliance with the Funeral Director Law, which *prohibits* the offer to sell or selling of preneed arrangements by unlicensed individuals. What many preneed sellers want is the ability to sell preneed arrangements without proper restriction or oversight.

Furthermore, this regulation addresses the need in the profession to protect consumers, while at the same time preserving the integrity of the funeral director's license.

Regulation 16A-4816 provides a solid safeguard to the public concerning their pre-need arrangements. It is in the public's best interest.

Sincerely,

George A. Strish

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