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Mr. Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman Independent Regulatory Review Commission 333 Market Street HARRISBURG, PA 17101

Dear Chairman Coccodrilli:

We are Pennsylvania licensed funeral directors and we are writing to you to express our strong support for <u>REGULATION 16A-4816</u> as proposed by the State Board of Funeral Directors.

The State Board of Funeral Directors has held public hearings the past four years addressing the issues raised in the Walker vs. Flitton case prior to the promulgation of Regulation 16 A-4816.

Our Pennsylvania Funeral Directors Law <u>prohibits unlicensed individuals to offer to sell or the selling of Preneed funeral arrangements.</u> Our State Board of Funeral Directors addressed the issues in the referenced court case and wrote the Regulation to comply with the Funeral Directors Law.

Regulation 16A-4816 provides for the protection of the consumers in Pennsylvania with this safeguard and also preserves the integrity of our funeral director's licenses. The Pennsylvania Funeral Directors Association conducted two surveys to consumers on unlicensed persons selling funeral arrangements preneed and the results state that the consumers want licensed funeral directors by an overwhelming majority We are asking that you and the Commission approve Regulation 16A-4816 as written by the State Board of Funeral Directors.

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