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House of Representatives COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA HARRISBURG

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Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman Independent Regulatory Review Commission 333 Market Street, 14th Floor Harrisburg, PA 17101

RE: State Board of Funeral Directors Regulation 16A-4816 (IRRC # 2639)

Dear Chairman Coccodrilli:

I am writing again to express my opposition to regulations promulgated by the State Board of Funeral Directors, regarding a prohibition on activities of unlicensed employees relating to pre-need sales. I was pleased that the Commission disapproved those regulations at its November meeting. It is my view, despite the minor changes the Board made to the proposed regulation, the Board still has not demonstrated a need for these regulations.

The State Board of Funeral Directors has failed to show consumers are harmed by the provision of pre-need sales by unlicensed employees or agents of a funeral director. I believe the most recent changes do nothing to address the concerns that many commentators have made in the past. I also note that none of the comments which have been posted to the IRRC website on the latest iteration of these regulations are in support of the revised version, including those of organizations which formerly supported them.

For these reasons I encourage IRRC's commissioners to disapprove these regulations as well.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

Eugene A. DePasquale, 95th Legislative District

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Attached is a letter I am offering per the Pre-Need Regulation proposal.

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