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March 24, 2010

Michael J. Yeosock, FD, Chairperson
State Board of Funeral Directors
Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs
P.O. Box 2649
Harrisburg, PA 17105

Dear Chairperson Yeosock:

We write to request that the State Board of Funeral Directors withdraw Final Regulation 16A-4816, Preneed Activity of Unlicensed Employees.

As you know, with all of the efforts to include stakeholders in revising the final rulemaking, it was disapproved for a rare second time by the Independent Regulatory Review Commission on February 25, 2010. At this point, there is no support for promulgating the final regulation.

We recognize that the Board has had the difficult task to comply with decisions from both a state court and a federal court; we acknowledge the hard work that has been performed to do so. Nevertheless, the language of the regulation remains confusing, sometimes contradictory and provides nominal guidance to funeral directors, their employees, their representatives, or members of the general public who are often reticent to seek preneed funeral services.

If Regulation 16A-4816 is withdrawn, more time will be available to continue the crafting of language that appropriately conveys the Board's intentions.

Thank you for your consideration of this highly unusual but necessary request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael P. McGeehan".
Michael P. McGeehan
Majority Chairman

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Julie Harhart
Republican Chair

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