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

Dear Mr. Coccodrilli:

The Pennsylvania State Board of Funeral Directors has proposed Regulation 16A-4816, which is currently before the Commission for review.

The regulation specifically addresses the concerns raised in the federal court case, *Walker v. Flitton* (2005). The regulation helps define what activities by unlicensed employees are permissible in funeral homes. Pennsylvania state law has already been tested on the issue of unlicensed activity. Only licensed funeral directors should be able to arrange preneed and at-need funeral services.

The State Board of Funeral Directors, over a period of four years, held public meetings seeking input from all interested parties prior to promulgating this regulation. AARP, the largest senior group in Pennsylvania, supports Regulation 16A-4816 that only licensed funeral directors can prearrange and pre-finance a funeral.

I respectfully request and encourage the Commission to approve Regulation 1614-4816.

Again, thank you for your time and attention to this matter. In the meantime, if there are any additional questions or concerns, or if I can provide further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact my Harrisburg office.

Very truly yours,

Mike Hanna

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