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

RE: Regulation 16A-4816 – proposed by State Board of Funeral Directors

Dear Chairman Coccodrilli:

Please accept this letter of support that Regulation 16A-4816 be approved. It is my understanding that IRRC meets on November 19, 2009 and I am asking that you review and approve this regulation proposed by the State Board of Funeral Directors.

16A-4816 is a regulation proposed by the State Board of Funeral Directors specifically to address the concerns raised in the federal court case, Walker v. Flitton (2005).

Pennsylvania state law has already been tested on the issue of unlicensed activity. It was upheld in the appellate courts that only a licensed funeral director can sell or offer to sell preneed funeral services and merchandise incidental thereto as well as cremation service.

Again, please accept this request that the IRRC accept this letter as my support of the State Board of Funeral Directors wishes that Regulation 16A-4816 be approved. Thank you for your kind consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Deberah Kula
State Representative
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CC: John Erikson, Pennsylvania Funeral Directors Association