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

Dear Chairman Coccodrilli,

It is my understanding that the State Board of Funeral Directors Final-Form Regulation 16A-4816 (Preneed Activities of Unlicensed Employee) is currently before the Independent Regulatory Review Commission and will be considered at the Commission's upcoming public meeting on November 19, 2009. I hereby register my support for the aforementioned regulation and respectfully request the Commission's approval of such.

The State Board of Funeral Directors has thoughtfully and thoroughly considered the federal court case Walker v. Flitton and has written Regulation 16A-4816 to address issues raised in the case while also ensuring compliance with the Funeral Director Law. Approval of the regulation will further enhance the protections provided to consumers within the Commonwealth by clearly defining that preneed arrangements be made only by licensed funeral directors. It is important that proper measures are taken to protect consumers and to maintain the integrity of funeral director licensure.

Thank you for your favorable consideration of Final-Form Regulation 16A-4816.

Sincerely,

Senator Richard Alloway, II