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

Dear Chairman Coccodrilli,

I am writing to express my support for Regulation 16A-4816 which was submitted by the State Board of Funeral Directors to address the activities of unlicensed persons in pre-need sales. The Board has held public hearings and has drafted this regulation to address the issues raised in the federal court case of *Walker v. Flitton*. Approval of the regulation will further enhance the protections provided to consumers within the Commonwealth by clearly defining that pre-need 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.

I believe this regulation is in the public interest in that it provides an important safeguard in making pre-need arrangements.

Thank you for your consideration and attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Edwin B. Erickson".

Edwin B. Erickson
State Senator

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