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Mr. Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman
Independent Regulatory Review Commission
333 Market Street
Harrisburg, PA 17101


Dear Chairman Coccodrilli:

I am writing to you today to express my strong support for Regulation 16A-4816, activities of unlicensed persons in preneed sales, as proposed by the State Board of Funeral Directors and to ask for IRRC's approval of this regulation.

The State Board of Funeral Directors has held public hearings the past four years in order to address the issues raised in the federal court case Walker v. Flitton (2005), prior to promulgation of Regulation 16A-4816. The State Board has carefully written this regulation to address the issues in the Walker case, while staying in compliance with the Funeral Director Law, which prohibits the offer to sell or selling of preneed arrangements by unlicensed individuals. Furthermore, this regulation addresses the need in the profession to protect consumers, while at the same time preserving the integrity of the funeral director's license.

Regulation 16A-4816 provides a solid safeguard to the public concerning their pre-need arrangements and I feel that approval of this regulation will be in my constituent's best interest. Thank you for your time regarding this issue.

Sincerely,


John T. Yudichak
State Representative
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