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

Dear Chairman Coccodrilli:

I am writing on behalf of several funeral directors in my district to request IRRC's approval of Regulation 16A-4816 (activities of unlicensed persons in preneed sales) as proposed by the State Board of Funeral Directors.

It is my understanding that 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. Consequently, 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. What many preneed sellers want is the ability to sell preneed arrangements without proper restriction or oversight.

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; therefore, I am requesting your consideration for support of Regulation 16A-4816.

Sincerely,

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