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November 24, 2009

Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman
Independent Regulatory Review Commission
333 Market St., 14th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17101-2210

Dear Chairman Coccodrilli:

I am writing to you today asking for your support for Regulation 16A-4816 related to the activities of unlicensed persons in pre-need funeral sales. I believe Regulation 16A-4816 is in the public's best interest.

The State Board of Funeral Directors has held public hearings the past four years to address the issues raised in the federal court case Walker v. Flitton (2005) and has carefully written this regulation to address these issues, while staying in compliance with the Funeral Director Law, which prohibits the offer to sell, or selling of, pre-need arrangements by unlicensed individuals.

Regulation 16A-4816 provides a solid safeguard to the public concerning their pre-need arrangements. It is in the public's best interest and I strongly support this regulation. Thank you for your time and attention to this issue.

Sincerely,

Mauree A. Gingrich
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Cc: Steven R. Kreamer, Kreamer Funeral Home, Inc.

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