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November 14, 2007

Mr. Kim Kaufman  
Executive Director  
Independent Regulatory Review Commission  
333 Market Street, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Harrisburg, PA 17101

RE: Proposed Regulation 16A-5416  
State Board of Pharmacy  
General Revisions

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REVIEW COMMISSION

Dear Mr. Kaufman:

The House Professional Licensure Committee on this date voted to take no formal action on Regulation 16A-5416 until final regulation is promulgated and submit the following comments:

1. The committee would like to point out that “direct, immediate, personal supervision” of an intern is slightly different than in other recently proposed regulations. The committee would like to know if a different standard of supervision is intended or if supervision of all interns and technicians is intended to be the same.
2. Section 27.18(r)(6) replaced “A pharmacist or pharmacy” with “Any person” in regards to advertising special prices for certain prescriptions. Noting that numerous individuals do not have insurance and need samples to assist with the cost of healthcare, the committee requests further information on the impact this provision could have on coupons, specials, and samples offered by a physician.
3. The committee would like to know the reasoning for the safety measure of including controlled substances distributed throughout the stock of non-controlled substances. Permitting controlled substances to be stored, unsecured, with non-controlled substances does not appear to be an adequate safety measure.
4. The committee requests the rationale for permitting Schedule II controlled substances to be filled no more than six months after the date the prescription.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Michael Sturla'.

P. Michael Sturla  
Chairman, House Professional Licensure Committee