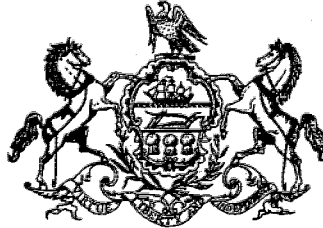


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May 28, 2008

Janet Stoloski, Director
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PA Department of Health
132 Kline Plaza, Suite A
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Dear Ms. Staloski:

I have reviewed the proposed regulation number 10-186 regarding the confidentiality of drug and alcohol treatment records and would like to express my opposition to the proposed changes.

Maintaining confidentiality of drug and alcohol treatment records is essential for a successful treatment program. No recovery program can be completely successful without a large degree of trust between the patient and treatment provider.

I believe there is sufficient information available under the current rules in 4 PA Code 255.5 and the Pennsylvania Client Placement Criteria to make payment determinations for services provided by treatment facilities.

I am respectfully requesting that these proposed regulations be withdrawn so that our citizens who are seeking assistance for drug and alcohol problems will be ensured a degree of privacy. Making the decision to seek help is the most important step toward recovery. We should not be discouraging anyone from making that decision due to their concern about confidentiality.

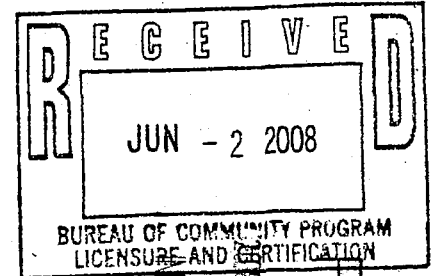
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert L. Freeman".

Robert L. Freeman
State Representative
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C: The Honorable Frank Oliver, Chair, Health and Human Services Committee; The Honorable George Kenney, Republican Chair, Health and Human Services Committee

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