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Division of Drug and Alcohol Program Licensure
Attn: Cheryl Williams
PA Department of Health
132 Kline Plaza, Suite A
Harrisburg, PA 17104

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Dear Ms. Williams:

This correspondence is to provide you with feedback concerning the proposed regulations which would rescind regulations that protect the confidentiality and privacy of clients receiving alcohol and other drug treatment.

I support confidentiality and the privacy of information regarding clients receiving alcohol and other drug treatment services. Any recession of these rights could possibly open the door for managed care insurance companies to violate these rights which would be detrimental to our clients.

Additionally, this possible recession go against the government's recent approach to provide more patient/client protection for services via HIPPA. Prior to joining Gaudenzia, I was the Chief of Treatment for the Ohio Department of Alcohol and Drug Addiction Services (ODADAS) and worked very closely with the provider community throughout the state. I can assure you that the AoD provider community would be up in arms over any possible recession to client confidentiality and privacy rights. As the eastern regional director for Gaudenzia, I have responsibility for our Philadelphia programs and I come into contact with clients every day. I know our clients and they are not supportive of these proposed regulations.

Thank you for allowing me to provide you feedback on this very important matter.

Sincerely,

Michael D. Link, Eastern Region Director
Gaudenzia, Inc.