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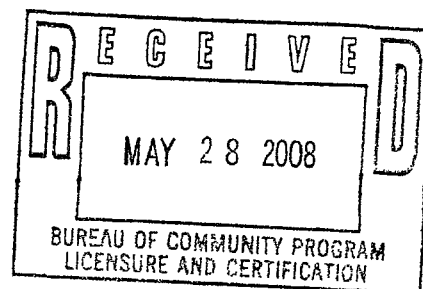
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Janice Staloski, Director
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and Certification
Department of Health
132 Kline Plaza, Suite A
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Dear Ms. Staloski:

I write to join Deb Beck, of DASPOP, and to adopt her expression of objections to the Department of Health's new Draft Final Rulemaking Regulation No.10-186 regarding the state confidentiality protections of drug and alcohol addiction treatment records.

Drug and alcohol addiction treatment has been my avocation for the past thirty-four years. For twenty-nine of those years I have served on the board of directors of The Caron Foundation, where I was twice elected Chairman of the Board and now serve as Chairman Emeritus. I am a founding governor of Pennsylvania Lawyers Concerned For Lawyers and a member and past Trustee of International Lawyers In Alcoholics Anonymous.

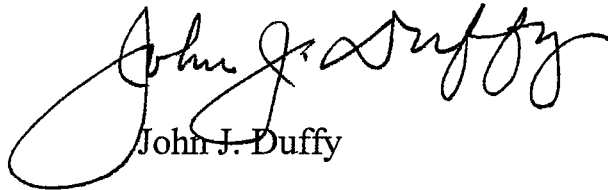
While I wear my alcoholism and my recovery on my sleeve, I guard jealously the very personal and, until now, closeted details of my treatment experience at Caron in 1974. Indeed, I know not one of my peers in the legal profession who thinks otherwise as regards his or her own rehabilitation experience. Nor are recovering lawyers alone amongst the Commonwealth's population of those who need protection. The Twelve Steps of our prevailing program of recovery suggest strongly that we not only get honest with ourselves, but that we also share that honest self-evaluation with another. In treatment, that other is a therapist at our treatment facility. What we share there is, most

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emphatically, not the business either of government or of those required by health care contracts to pay for our treatment.

And so, mindful of my avocation, I trust you will count me as an informed protester and list me with DASPOP and Deb Beck as an opponent of the new Draft.

Sincerely,



John J. Duffy

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