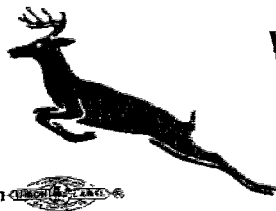


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As an employee of WDR/Cove Forge/Bowling Green, would like to formally state my opposition to the proposed changes in PA Code 255.5(b), Draft Rulemaking Regulation No. 10-186, regarding patient confidentiality. It is my belief that the proposed changes will further perpetuate public stigma as it relates to the disease of addiction, will lessen access and duration of treatment for patients in need, will cost treatment facilities additional expenditures to comply with mandated releases, and will not benefit consumers of treatment services.

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