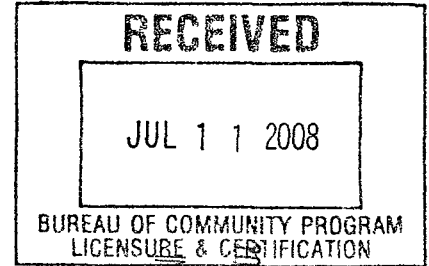


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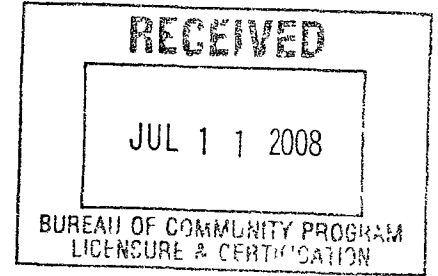
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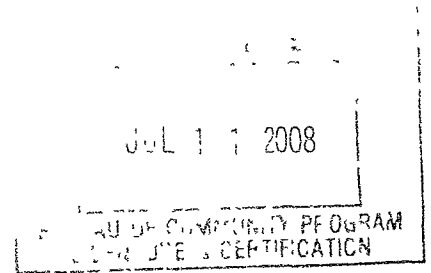
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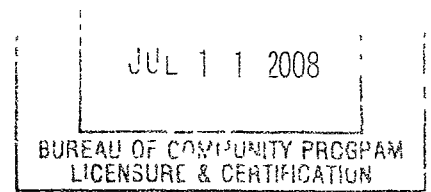
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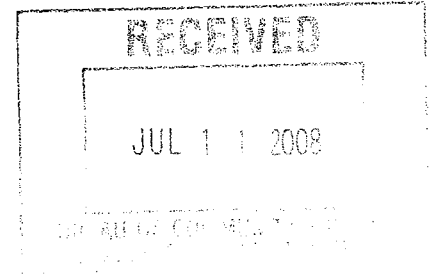
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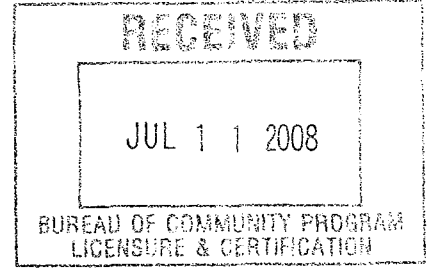
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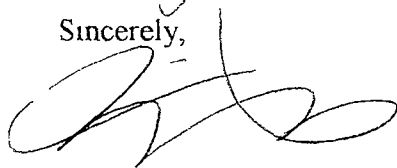
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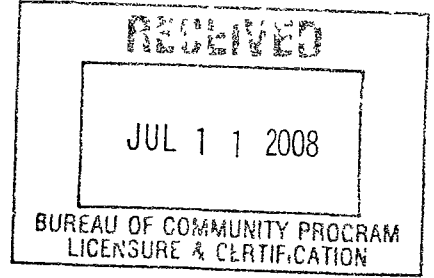


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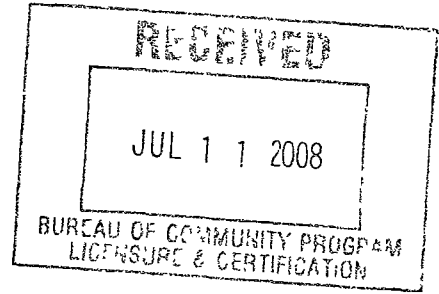


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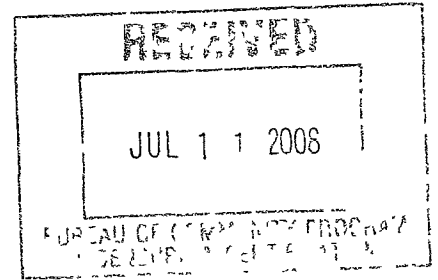
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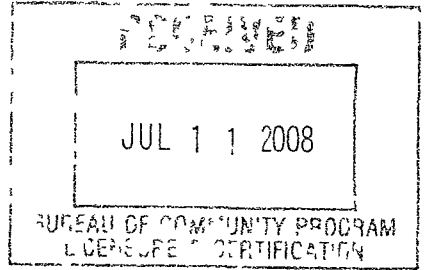
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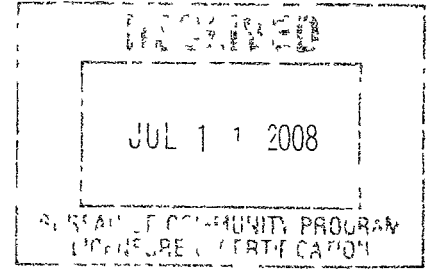
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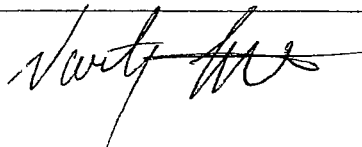
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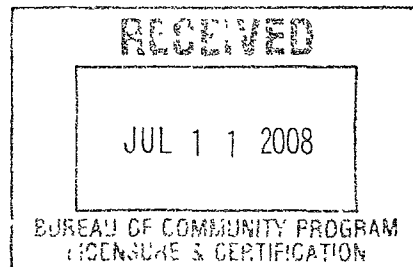
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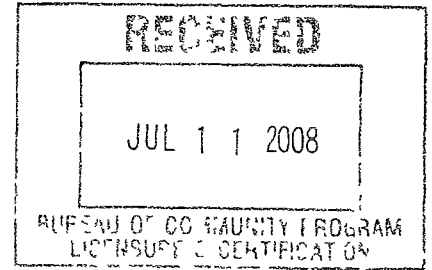
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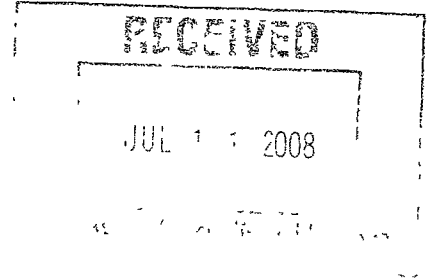
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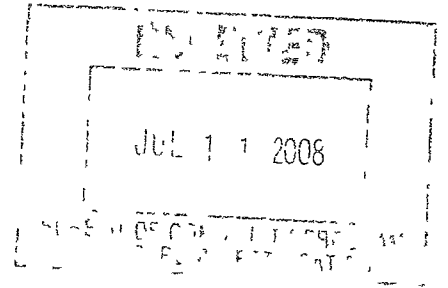
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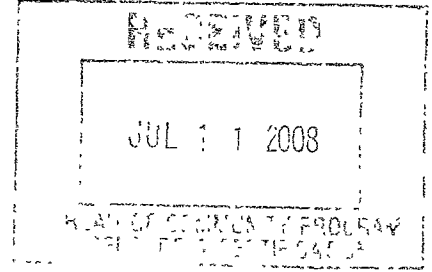


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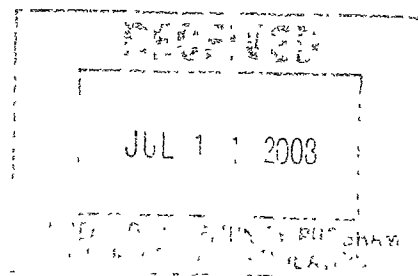


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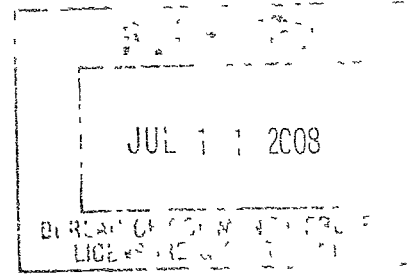
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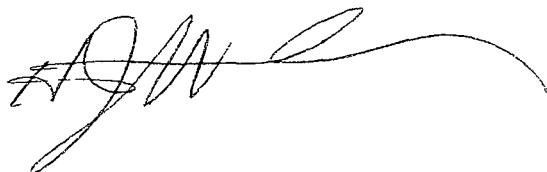
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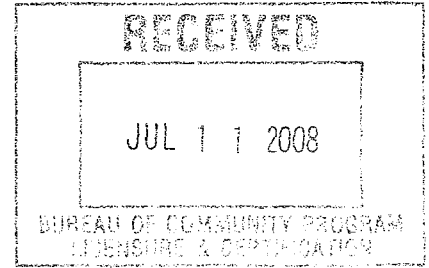
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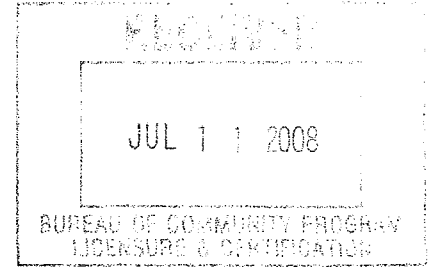


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Pennsylvania Department of Corrections  
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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY  
COMMISSION

Dear Mr. Stalos:

I would like to express my concerns regarding the proposed changes to 4 PA Code Section 101.5, the confidentiality information. It is important that we protect the confidentiality of individuals seeking help for addiction to alcohol and other drugs. Many treatment programs in place have provided sufficient protection to individuals by restricting health and law enforcement agencies from using information used against persons in need of addiction treatment. The proposed changes to 4 PA Code Section 101.5, which limits the confidentiality and restricts the use of information for treatment services, without the fear of reprisal or dismissal, will diminish the intent of the law by compelling treatment providers will be able to give to outside parties.

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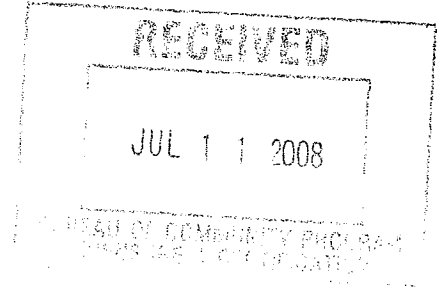
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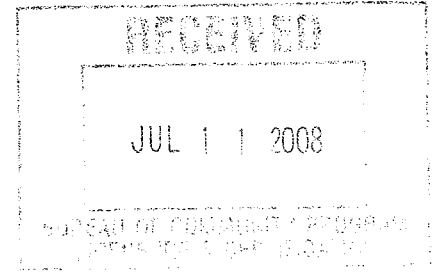
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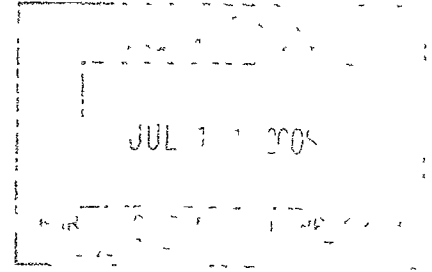


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