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Edward J. Zogby, Director  
Bureau of Policy, Room 431  
Health and Welfare Building  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

REFER TO: \_\_\_\_\_

Re: Proposed rulemaking, 55 Pa. Code, Chs. 283, 285 and 1251 re  
Payment for burial and cremation

Dear Mr. Zogby:

The Pennsylvania Funeral Directors Association is one of the oldest and largest association of funeral homes in this country. Our membership encompasses approximately 1,100 of the 1600 licensed funeral homes in Pennsylvania. We submit the following comments regarding the above proposed rulemaking.

The PFDA supports this regulation in its entirety. We have for years advocated for the increase in the amount of monies available for welfare burial and in addition, believe it is better for the consumer that monies not be allocated to any particular service or merchandise. This provides the consumer with more flexibility and allows the funeral provider more options in what he can offer to the consumer, particularly with the addition of cremation.

Very truly yours,

Thomas G. Kukuchka, President  
PFDA