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April 29, 2008

Mr. Kim Kaufman, Executive Director
The Independent Regulatory Review Commission
333 Market Street, 14th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17101

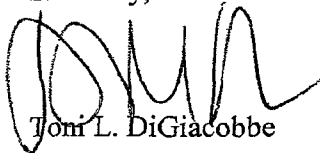
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As a parent and a taxpayer of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, I hope that you will carefully consider these concerns, oppose the adoption of these tests, and encourage your colleagues to do the same.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,


Joni L. DiGiacobbe

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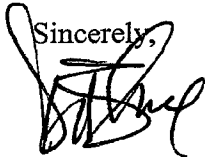
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