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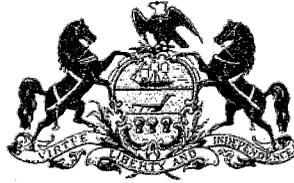
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Mr. Peter J. Salvatore
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Dear Peter:

In my capacity as the Republican Chairman of the Pennsylvania House Veterans Affairs and Emergency Preparedness committee, I want to commend the PA Insurance Department for its hard work on their proposed "military sales practices" regulation which is currently before the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC). I am pleased to see this important military issue being examined.

Pennsylvania has a rich military history, and its sons and daughters have always answered the call to military duty. Today, we have a high number of Pennsylvania service personnel serving abroad in numerous post 9/11 capacities. Furthermore, in early 2009, we will have the largest unit deployment of PA National Guard troops since the Korean War. All of this, coupled with recent state and federal changes in laws and regulations concerning activated military personnel, indeed make the ground fertile for Pennsylvania to adopt a military sales practices regulation.

We, the citizens of this Commonwealth and country, truly are the beneficiaries of the great sacrifices endured by our military personnel and their families. Therefore, I firmly believe that we as a Commonwealth must ensure that insurance practices concerning our military personnel and their families are fair and equitable. I support the direction that the insurance department has taken on this regulatory initiative, and I applaud the efforts of all who are involved in this proposed rulemaking process.

Sincerely,

RUSS FAIRCHILD
Republican Chairman
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