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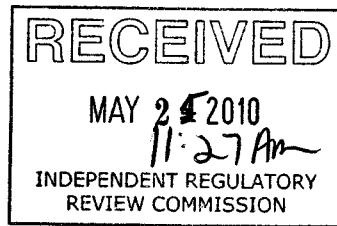
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IRRC Commissioners  
333 Market Street, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor  
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May 20, 2010

Dear IRRC Commissioners,

I am writing to convey the support of the Alzheimer's Association Greater Pennsylvania Chapter for the assisted living residence final-form regulations.

For too long, Pennsylvania has been without a long-term living option that allows older residents and people with disabilities to age in place. The new regulations will provide an environment in which aging in place can occur and residents can exercise maximum independence, decision-making, and personal choice. Simply put, aging in place means securing necessary support services in response to changing personal needs and allowing an individual to remain in the setting of their choice and age with dignity and independence.

In the second half of the twentieth century, nearly ten years were added to life expectancy in the United States. Pennsylvania continues to experience significant demographic changes, including the fact that it ranks third in the nation in the percentage of people age 65 and older, and by the year 2020, more than one in four Pennsylvanians will be age 60 or older.

In our just released report "Changing the Trajectory of Alzheimer's Disease: A National Imperative", we estimate that the number of Americans with Alzheimer's disease will increase from 5.3 million to 13.5 million in the next 40 years, and the annual cost of their care will increase from \$172 billion to \$1.08 trillion. We estimate that more than 400,000 Pennsylvanians are currently living with Alzheimer's and related dementias in the care of more than 800,000 family members and professionals.

We are pleased to see that the new regulations acknowledge these changing and challenging demographics by placing an emphasis on the need for special care units for those with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias and by providing for dementia-specific staff training.

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The Department solicited the input of our Association and other stakeholders in the development of assisted living regulations that we believe successfully balance the needs of consumers with those of industry providers. We are pleased with the end product and support its approval.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob Le Roy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "B".

**Bob Le Roy**  
**President and Chief Executive Officer**

**Cc: John Michael Hall**  
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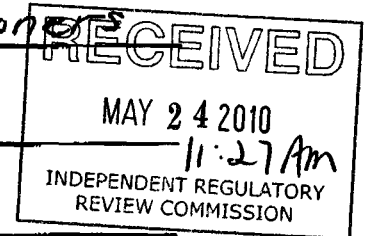
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Re: Letter of support for the Assisted  
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