

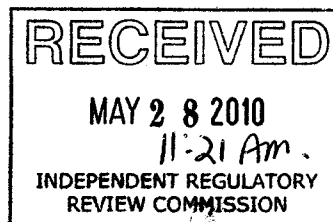
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Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Pennsylvania Council on Aging

555 Walnut Street – 5th Floor
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May 28, 2010

IRRC Commissioners
333 Market Street, 14 Floor
Harrisburg, PA 1710



Dear Commissioners:

For more than ten years, the Pennsylvania Council on Aging (PCoA) has advocated for passage of Assisted Living legislation. We were delighted this goal was realized in 2007. In the convening years we have monitored the crafting of the regulations for this much needed component to the continuum of care in Pennsylvania.

While PCoA has not formally reviewed each of the proposed regulations, the Council wishes to reiterate our strong desire to see this process come to a positive conclusion.

PCoA has been made aware of concerns raised by some organizations regarding these proposed regulations and while we are not in a position to comment on any specific opposition, it is our hope that these concerns will get a fair airing and that the Department of Aging and Department of Public Welfare will take steps to address the issues raised.

PCoA acts as an advisor to the governor and the Department of Aging on the planning, coordination and delivery of services to older people. The council also serves as an advocate for the elderly in the commonwealth. The council is composed of 21 members, the majority of whom are 60 years of age or older. Members are nominated by the governor and subject to Senate confirmation.

PCoA continues to support all efforts to bring our vision of Assisted Living in Pennsylvania to a positive conclusion and our members stand ready to assist to make this a reality.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sister Theresa Novak, SCN".

Sister Theresa Novak, SCN
PCoA Chairperson