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

RE: Proposed Regulation
State Board of Accountancy
16A-5512: Biennial Renewal Fees

Dear Mr. Kaufman:

The House Professional Licensure Committee on this date voted to take no formal action on Regulation 16A-5512 until final regulation is promulgated and submit the following comments:

1. The Committee requests the rationale for fees being increased by 122% on the biennial renewal fee for certified public accountants, public accountants or public accounting firms and 25% on the biennial renewal fee for continuing education program sponsors when fees in other categories in this section of the Code are not being increased.
2. The Committee requests an explanation as to how the Board expects to maintain the projected revenue for its operation until January 1, 2018 since the number of public accountants renewing licenses declines.
3. The Committee requests information pertaining to the major cost centers of the Board and any significant increases in its expenditures.
4. The Committee requests an explanation for the Board's failure to increase fees for eighteen (18) years which is now producing a 122% increase for certified public accountants, public accountants and public accounting firms and a 25% increase for the biennial renewal fee for continuing education program sponsors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike McGeehan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Mike" being more prominent than the last name "McGeehan".

Michael P. McGeehan
Chairman, House Professional Licensure Committee