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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION

333 MARKET STREET, 14TH FLOOR, HARRISBURG, PA 17101

October 22, 2009

Samuel J. Stephenson, CPA, Chair State Board of Accountancy 2601 North 3rd Street Harrisburg, PA 17110

Re: Regulation #16A-5512 (IRRC #2759)

State Board of Accountancy Biennial Renewal Fees

Dear Mr. Stephenson:

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission approved the subject regulation today. Our order is enclosed and will be available on our website at www.irrc.state.pa.us.

We appreciate the joint effort that went into producing a regulation that meets the criteria and intent of the Regulatory Review Act.

Sincerely,

Arthur Coccodril

Chairman

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Enclosure

cc: Honorable Robert M. Tomlinson, Majority Chairman, Senate Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee

Honorable Lisa M. Boscola, Minority Chairman, Senate Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee

Honorable Michael P. McGeehan, Majority Chairman, House Professional Licensure Committee

Honorable William F. Adolph, Jr., Minority Chairman, House Professional Licensure Committee

Honorable Pedro A. Cortes, Secretary, Department of State

INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION APPROVAL ORDER

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held October 22, 2009

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Regulation No. 16A-5512 (#2759) State Board of Accountancy Biennial Renewal Fees

On April 22, 2009, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the State Board of Accountancy (Board). This rulemaking amends 49 Pa. Code § 11.4. The proposed regulation was published in the May 2, 2009 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on September 21, 2009.

This regulation will increase biennial renewal fees for certified public accountants, public accountants, public accounting firms and continuing education program sponsors so that the Board can generate adequate revenue to meet its expenses.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Board (63 P.S. § 9.6) and the intention of the General Assembly. Having considered all of the other criteria of the Regulatory Review Act, we find promulgation of this regulation is in the public interest.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

This regulation is approved.

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Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman