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Mr. Kim Kaufman  
Executive Director  
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333 Market Street, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Harrisburg, PA 17101

RE: Proposed Regulation  
State Board of Veterinary Medicine  
16A-5722: Responsibility to Clients and Patients

Dear Mr. Kaufman:

The House Professional Licensure Committee on this date voted to take no formal action on Regulation 16A-5722 until final regulation is promulgated and to submit the following comments.

1. The Committee requests an explanation as to how to reconcile the conflict between the need of a veterinarian to obtain oral consent or a signature of an owner to perform humane euthanasia for an animal and the lack of need for client consent for euthanasia when a client cannot be contacted.
2. The Committee inquires as to how standards that veterinarians are to follow are determined to be "acceptable and prevailing".

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mike McGeehan".

Michael P. McGeehan  
Chairman, House Professional Licensure Committee

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