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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION

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

June 3, 2010

Honorable Pedro A. Cortes, Secretary Department of State 302 North Office Building Harrisburg, PA 17120

Re: Regulation #16-50 (IRRC #2799) Department of State Biennial Filing Fee

Dear Secretary Cortes:

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

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

Sincerely,

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Chairman
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Enclosure
cc: Honorable Charles T. McIlhinney, Jr., Majority Chairman, Senate State Government
Committee
Honorable Anthony H. Williams, Minority Chairman, Senate State Government Committee
Honorable Babette Josephs, Majority Chairman, House State Government Committee
Honorable Kerry A. Benninghoff, Minority Chairman, House State Government Committee

INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION APPROVAL ORDER

Commissioners Voting:

Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman George D. Bedwick, Vice Chairman S. David Fineman, Esq., by Phone Silvan B. Lutkewitte, III John F. Mizner, Esq., by Phone Public Meeting Held June 3, 2010

Regulation No. 16-50 (#2799) Department of State Biennial Filing Fee

On October 6, 2009, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the Department of State (Department). This rulemaking amends 51 Pa. Code § 53.1. The proposed regulation was published in the October 17, 2009 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on April 13, 2010.

This regulation amends the biennial registration fee from \$100 to \$200 for principals, lobbying firms and lobbyists required to register under the Lobbying Disclosure Act.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Department (66 Pa.C.S.A. §13A08(j)) 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