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Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman Independent Regulatory Review Commission 333 Market Street, 14th Floor Harrisburg, PA 17101

Subject: Life Safety Issues with L&I Regulation 12-89

Dear Chairman Coccodrilli;

As President of the Fairfield Community Fire Company, I am writing to you to express support for passage of L&I Regulation 12-89, to ensure adoption of the 2009 ICC Code revisions as provided in Act 45.

Passage of this regulation will assist in reducing chances for loss of life to our Firefighters and improve chances for survival of our citizens in event of a home fire event.

This has been a long struggle to see Act 45 get to this point. Why anyone or any organization would place the potential for harm to citizens or Fire Fighters ahead of profit simply amazes those of us in the Fire Service.

Firefighters stand ready to protect the public from fires, natural disasters, terrorist attacks and other incidents that we cannot even foresee, and we ask for little in return. More firefighters die in the line of duty fighting residential fires than in any other type of fire incident. The legislature has the **power** and **the duty** to reverse this trend.

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I strongly urge your favorable action on L&I Regulation 12-89.

Professional Regards,

Andrew J. Aldrich

President

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