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April 29, 2010

RE: Pennsylvania Pre-K Counts final omitted re-submitted to you on April 7, 2010 (#6-319).

Dear Commission members:

I am writing to express my support for the Pennsylvania Pre-K Counts final omitted regulations re-submitted to you on April 7, 2010 (#6-319).

The Pennsylvania Association for the Education of Young Children (PennAEYC) is a non-profit organization that has been serving the early childhood community in the state of Pennsylvania since 1983. Our vision is that every child in Pennsylvania has the equal opportunity to be a successful, responsible and productive member of society as a result of quality early childhood experiences. As the state affiliate of the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) we operate with the mission to serve and act on behalf of the needs, rights and well-being of all young children.

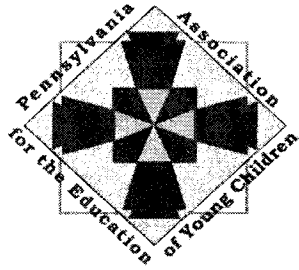
PennAEYC is a membership organization of over 5,400 individuals from across the state with 13 local affiliate chapter organizations working to support those members by: promoting quality early learning opportunities; providing professional development opportunities; enhancing community awareness and working with the early care and education advocate community to advance our public policy agenda. We are the second largest state affiliate in the United States.

On behalf of those members and the families and children they serve the PennAEYC Board of Directors agrees with these regulations and believes they are important because they continue to ensure that quality standards and accountability measures are not only in place but are consistently implemented across all Pre-K Counts sites.

Prior to my position as Executive Director of PennAEYC, I worked at an organization that has served at-risk children for many years. Pre-K Counts made it possible for that organization to serve more children with more highly qualified staff and was able to promote inclusion of children with disabilities and developmental delays.

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Please allow this program to continue making the biggest difference for children by approving the regulations as submitted in full.

Sincerely,

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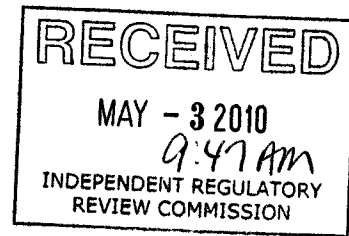
Dear Commission members,

Attached you will find a letter of support from the Pennsylvania Association for the Education of Young Children (PennAEYC) for the Pre-K Counts final omitted regulations (#6-319).

Thank you.

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