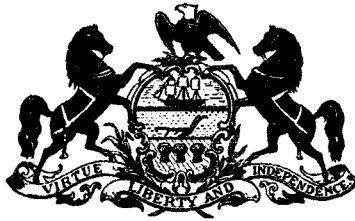


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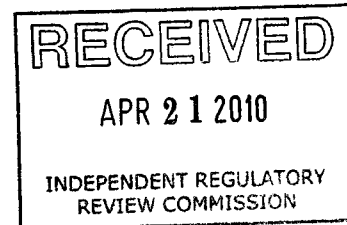
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Mr. Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman
Independent Regulatory Review Commission
333 Market Street, 14th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Dear Chairman Coccodrilli:

The following reflects the comments and concerns regarding the Department of Revenue's (Department) Proposed Rulemaking relating to 61 Pa Code § 119.30 as submitted to my office by the members of the House Finance Committee (R).

1) Time Frame of Regulations

It was brought forth by the committee membership that the intent of the proposed regulation is to provide uniformity and clarification to the Department's policy on innocent spouse relief for Pennsylvania Personal Income Tax (PIT) enacted under Act 87 of 2002. The committee members articulated concerns and specifically requested further clarification from the Department regarding the seven year delay of these regulations.

2) Issues with Department Policy

In conjunction with the questionable time frame of the regulations, the committee members voiced concerns regarding the effectiveness and value of the Department's policies, particularly if the use of the Department policy in this manner was found to be insufficient. The committee members requested that further explanation be provided from the Department on how often the Department chooses to utilize policies rather than regulations via the regulatory process.

Thank you for your attention to our comments and concerns and we look forward to continue working with you on the proposed regulations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Samuel E. Rohrer".

Representative Samuel Rohrer, Chairman
House Finance Committee (R)

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