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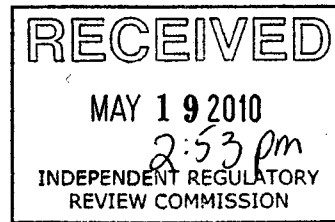
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Dear Mr. Zogby:

This letter is in reference to the Department of Public Welfare's (DPW) proposed regulations titled, "Revisions to the Special Allowance for Supportive Services Requirements (# 14-518). PCCY appreciates the opportunity to present our comments.

These regulations are needed to bring greater accountability to this important program while ensuring that these very important supports remain available for those who need them to be able to move from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), General Assistance (GA), and SNAP into employment.

Government in all segments is trying to increase the accountability of its programs and services. These proposed regulations are efforts to realize that end. Hopefully, these regulations will ensure that this program will be able to serve the greatest number of people with the limited resources available. Although we are concerned that the limits on transportation and work-related expenses will cause some hardship, we believe this concern is outweighed by the opportunity to sustain the program for additional participants.

Finally, the changes do increase some program benefits for the participants, specifically the mileage rate for a private vehicle and the motor vehicle purchase amount. We agree with these increases as they more accurately reflect the costs to the program participant. Public Citizens for Children and Youth supports DPW's "Revisions to the Special Allowance for Supportive Service Requirements" proposed regulations. Thank you again for the opportunity to comment and consider our comments.

Sincerely,

Shelly Yanoff, Executive Director

