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July 23, 2010

Mr. Arthur Coccodrilli  
Chairman  
Independent Regulatory Review Commission  
333 Market Street, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Chairman Coccodrilli:

The Pennsylvania Association of School Administrators (PASA), which represents school superintendents and other chief school administrators across Pennsylvania, supports the adoption of final-omit regulation (#2859), submitted by the State Board of Education, which amends 22 PA Code Chapter 4 to replace the existing state academic standards in Reading, Writing, Speaking and Listening and mathematics with the Common Core Academic Standards developed through the joint effort of the National Governors Association and Council of Chief State School Officers. PASA believes the standards will benefit Pennsylvania's students and schools by strengthening academic rigor, provide a logical and consistent sequencing of curriculum and instruction throughout the state and add clarity as to what students should know and be able to do.

We urge the Independent Regulatory Commission to approve the regulation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Buckheit". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J".

Jim Buckheit  
Executive Director