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April 24, 2013

David Sumner, Executive Director
Independent Regulatory Review Commission
14th Floor, Harristown 2
333 Market Street
Harrisburg, PA

Dear Mr. Sumner,

Today the House Professional Licensure Committee approved the final regulations as follows:

Final Regulation 16A-677 of the State Board of Occupational Therapy Education and Licensure – requires licensed occupational therapists to complete a minimum 24 contact hours in continued competency activities each biennium.

Final Regulation 16A-678 of the State Board of Occupational Therapy Education and Licensure – adds certified registered nurse practitioners and licensed physician assistants to the list of authorized referring health care providers.

Final Regulation 16A-5423 of the State Board of Pharmacy – implements the Cancer Drug Repository Program.

Additionally, the Committee wishes to take no formal action on the proposed regulations listed below and to submit the following comments:

Proposed Regulation 16A-649 of the State Board of Auctioneer Examiners – increases biennial renewal fees for all licenses and registrations.

1. The Committee requests information pertaining to the major cost centers of the Board and any significant increases in its expenditures.
2. The Committee requests further explanation on the Board's statutory authority for establishing a renewal fee for Trading Assistants. Act 89 of 2008 established a registration requirement, specified that registration is

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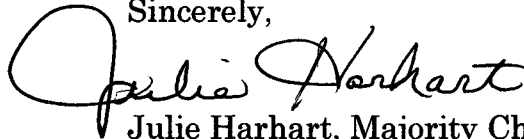
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3. required on a biennial basis, established that the registration fee shall be \$100 and specified that the Board shall not promulgate regulations pertaining to the registration requirement established in Section 10.1. The Committee questions the Board's statutory authority to treat this biennial registration requirement as a renewal.

Proposed Regulation 16A-6920 of the State Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors – increases the biennial renewal fee for all classes of licenses.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Julie Harhart". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

Julie Harhart, Majority Chair
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Cc: Wayne Crawford, Executive Director
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