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The Honorable Silvan B. Lutkewitte, III
Chairman
Independent Regulatory Review Commission
333 Market Street, 14th Floor
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17101

Re: Regulation # 6-325 (# 2928)
Safe Schools (22 Pa. Code, Chapter 10)
State Board of Education

Dear Chairman Lutkewitte:

I write to recommend that you and your fellow Commissioners approve the Chapter 10 regulation from the State Board of Education. The Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) supports the revisions that the State Board made in response to PEMA's suggestions for clarifying the regulation as previously submitted to the Commission.

Given the approaching school year, we agree with the State Board and the chairs of the Senate Education Committee that it is vitally important to get the new rules on the books. PEMA is confident that Chapter 10 in its current form provides a solid foundation for school safety and urges the Commission to approve it.

We look forward to working with the State Board and other education entities and professionals, as well as local emergency management organizations, to ensure that all schools can respond appropriately to emergencies and disasters.

Sincerely,

Glenn M. Cannon, Esq.
Director, PA Emergency Management Agency