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**Senate of Pennsylvania**

June 4, 2012

Ms. Michelle L. Elliott  
Regulatory Analyst  
Independent Regulatory Review Commission  
333 Market Street, 14th Floor  
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Dear Ms. Elliott:

In our capacities as chairmen of the Senate Education Committee, we are writing to strongly recommend that the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (IRRC) finally adopt the State Board of Education's Safe Schools regulation #6-325 (IRRC#2928) at its meeting on June 7, 2012.

The Safe Schools regulations are the end-product of several years' worth of joint legislative and administrative effort to improve public school safety, which has been a priority of our Committee since we assumed its chairmanship. These regulations are vitally necessary to facilitate the relationship between law enforcement and school districts to help promote safer learning environments for both students and teachers alike.

The State Board developed these regulations via a transparent process, incorporating the input of our offices, several agencies and other interest groups. We urge IRRC's immediate consideration and passage of these regulations.

Thank you for the opportunity to express our support. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our offices.

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**JEFFREY E. PICCOLA**  
Senator, 15<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District

Sincerely,

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**ANDREW DINNIMAN**  
Senator, 19<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District

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