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Independent Regulatory Review Commission  
333 Market Street, 14th Floor  
Harrisburg, PA 17101

RE: Pharmacy Internship regulations, #16A – 5424

Dear IRRC:

The Pennsylvania Pharmacists Association supports the promulgation of these regulations.

We believe that these changes reflect an appropriate modification and balance to the education provided through accredited pharmacy schools and the “outside” actual pharmacy experiences required through participation in an approved internship separate from the school related experiences. Both aspects of the internship are important and this shifting of the required hours creates a more fair opportunity for students while ensuring they obtain appropriate experiences and training.

The other changes in the regulation are for clarification and are needed to continue to remain current with practices and the accreditation from the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE).

We are in full support of these changes and urge their adoption.

Sincerely,

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CEO