



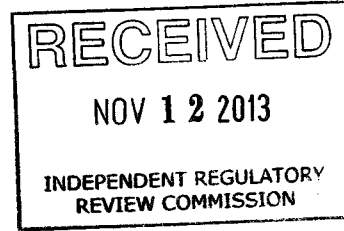
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The Honorable Silvan B. Lutkewitte, III
Chairman
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Re: Final-Form Regulations #6-326 – Academic Standards and Assessments

Dear Chairman Lutkewitte:

I am writing to express my strong support for the final-form regulation 6-326 related to academic standards and assessments and I urge the Independent Regulatory Review Commission’s approval.

These important educational reforms will create rigorous, internationally benchmarked academic standards to prepare students to be successful in postsecondary education and 21st century careers while providing a strong system of supports for students. The aligned assessments, including Keystone Exams, provide a practical accountability system for measuring student achievement and ensuring students have met the standards by the time they graduate from high school. These final-form regulations offer students and school districts a variety of pathways to success and include specific supports for students and schools.

Again, I strongly support the regulations and urge the IRRC to vote to approve them.

Sincerely,

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