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I am writing to you on behalf of the Pennsylvania Society of Association Executives (PASAE). Our membership includes chief executive officers, senior staff, department heads, and staff specialists who are experts in the inner workings of association management and non-profit organizations.

The Pennsylvania Society of Association Executives is the voice and catalyst for association excellence through innovative professional development, networking and information.

PASAE is strongly opposed to the Department of State's proposed increase of the biennial registration fee for individuals and entities required to be registered under the Lobbying Disclosure Act from \$200 to \$700. This is a 250% increase and very concerning to our membership. This proposed increase will adversely affect our members, many of whom are small Associations and or individuals that will simply not be able to afford this increase.

We would like to see the Department of State look for other alternatives to this increase. We would be happy to provide any further feedback should you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

Rob Fulton

Chair - PASAE