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The Honorable George D. Bedwick, Chairman
Independent Regulatory Review Commission
14th Floor, Harrisstown 2
333 Market Street Harrisburg, PA 17101

Re: State Board of Occupational Therapy Education and Licensure
Final Rulemaking, General Revisions 16A-6711

Dear Mr. Bedwick:

As President of the Pennsylvania Occupational Therapy Association ("POTA"), a statewide organization representing the interests of licensed occupational therapy practitioners and clients, I am writing to express our support for the rulemaking of the State Board of Occupational Therapy Education and Licensure (the "Board") concerning insurance requirements and continuing competency.

We support the Board's efforts to implement the act of July 5, 2012 (P.L. 1132, No. 138) (Act 138), amending the Occupational Therapy Practice Act to require the maintenance of professional liability insurance by occupational therapists, and to authorize the Board to establish continued competency requirements for occupational therapy assistants. We appreciate the public comments of Cathy Dolhi, OTD, OTR/L. FAOTA, the April 4, 2016 comments of the House Professional Licensure Committee, and the April 20, 2016 comments of the IRRC, and we support the Board's answers to the questions raised and the revisions made to the final regulations. We look forward to effective date of the final regulations and the Board's implementation of the Act 138.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amy Gerney OTD, OTR/L". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Amy Gerney, OTD, OTR/L
President, POTA