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Ms. Julie Mochon  
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Office of Development Programs  
Department of Human Services  
Room 502, Health & Welfare Building  
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Re: Comments on Advance Notice of Final Rulemaking – Fee Schedule Rates

Dear Ms. Mochon:

I am writing to you out of concern for the rules that govern how services in Pennsylvania are paid. I am concerned about the continued quality and security of the services that my family member receives in Philadelphia. It is known that the cost of living and doing business is higher in Philadelphia than in the rest of the state. We have a higher wage tax, higher minimum wage, and definitely higher insurance costs.

I understand that services in Philadelphia will now be paid the same rate as those in the rest of the state. I also understand those rates will be frozen for at least 3-years at a time.

The staff who work with my family member already do not make enough of a salary to make ends meet. I am very concerned that without a deserved and needed pay increase this year and every year, staff will look elsewhere for a good job. My adult child needs security and does not do well with constant changes.

I request that the state reconsider its decision and pays for services based on the costs of the city or area they are in. I also request that these payments be increased every year so that staff are able to receive a pay increase.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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