THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE BOARD OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

The Pennsylvania State Board of Vocational Rehabilitation (Board) resolves that:

WHEREAS, the Board supports full employment for persons with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Board supports the position of Secretary Manderino outlined in her letter of May 12, 2017 to the Independent Regulatory Review Commission.

The Board urges the Independent Regulatory Review Commission to reject the proposed regulations submitted by the State Civil Service Commission. It is the Board's position that the State Civil Service Commission must create and promulgate regulations that support the intent of Acts 69 and 167 of 2016 and the Governor's Policy of Employment First.

Adopted by the Pennsylvania State Board of Vocational Rehabilitation members at the June 1, 2017 Board Meeting

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John L. Tague, Jr. signing on behalf of the members of the State Board of Vocational Rehabilitation

Board Members:

M.J. Bartelmay, Jr. Tom Caulfield Raymond Hoover Michael Kiel John L. Tague, Jr Gail Vasko

CC:

William Danowski, Secretary of Legislative Affairs William Trusky, Director of Legislative Affairs Sarah Galbally, Secretary of Policy & Planning

Devon Grant, Executive Director, Governor's Cabinet & Advisory Committee for People with Disabilities

Stephen Pennington, Executive Director, Client Assistance Program Pennsylvania Rehabilitation Council

Members of the State Board of Vocational Rehabilitation

M.J. Bartelmay, Jr. is an independent Information Technology Consultant with over 20 years of experience in the information technology industry. He owns and operates IT Consulting Services and is also the parent of two young men, one of whom has an intellectual disability.

Tom Caulfield has a BS in Business Administration and an MBA in Labor-Management Relations. Tom is a United States Army Vietnam Veteran and the Director of Veteran Community Initiatives, Inc.

Raymond Hoover is President and CEO of Hoover Rehabilitation Services, which provides health and disability management services to employers and insurance carriers.

Michael Kiel has been a rehab specialist for 17 years and is currently contracting his services through the University of Pittsburgh. After a spinal cord injury during his sophomore year at PSU resulted in complete paralysis from the neck down, he returned to PSU, after four months of rehab, and then Edinboro University to earn a bachelor's degree in psychology and a master's degree in rehab counseling.

John L. Tague, Jr. is sole proprietor of JT Disability Consulting Services. Their mission is to include individuals with disabilities in all aspects of community life. A graduate of Edinboro University with a degree in education, John has over 38 years of experience in community engagement.

Gail Vasko is the parent of a child with an intellectual disability, an advocate for students with disabilities and their parents, and is involved in the federal grant projects Parent to Parent and Parent in Partnership with Educators.