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INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION 333 Market Street, 14th Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17101

July 24, 2008

Dennis R. Connell, R.A., President State Architects Licensure Board 2601 North 3rd Street Harrisburg, PA 17110

Re: Regulation #16A-419 (IRRC #2629) State Architects Licensure Board Requirements for Examination Eligibililty

Dear President Connell:

The Independent Regulatory Review Commission approved the subject regulation today. Our order is enclosed and will be available on our website at <u>www.irrc.state.pa.us</u>.

We appreciate the joint effort that went into producing a regulation that meets the criteria and intent of the Regulatory Review Act.

Sincerely,

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Arthur Coccodrilli
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Enclosure
cc: Honorable Robert M. Tomlinson, Chairman, Senate Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee
Honorable Lisa M. Boscola, Minority Chairman, Senate Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure Committee
Honorable P. Michael Sturla, Majority Chairman, House Professional Licensure Committee
Honorable William F. Adolph, Jr., Minority Chairman, House Professional Licensure Committee
Honorable Pedro A. Cortes, Secretary, Department of State

INDEPENDENT REGULATORY REVIEW COMMISSION APPROVAL ORDER

Commissioners Voting:

Public Meeting Held July 24, 2008

Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman Nancy Sabol Frantz, Esq. Karen A. Miller Regulation No. 16A-419 (#2629) State Architects Licensure Board Requirements for Examination Eligibility

On August 15, 2007, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) received this proposed regulation from the State Architects Licensure Board (Board). This rulemaking amends 49 Pa. Code Chapter 9. The proposed regulation was published in the August 25, 2007 *Pennsylvania Bulletin* with a 30-day public comment period. The final-form regulation was submitted to the Commission on June 13, 2008.

This regulation will require the candidates who do not pass the entire Architect Registration Examination within five years to retake any division of the examination that is more than five years old, instead of having to retake all divisions within a new five-year period.

We have determined this regulation is consistent with the statutory authority of the Board (63 P.S. §§34.6(a) and (d)) and the intention of the General Assembly. Having considered all of the other criteria of the Regulatory Review Act, we find promulgation of this regulation is in the public interest.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

This regulation is approved.

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Arthur Coccodrilli, Chairman

