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Pennsylvania Independent Regulatory Review Commission
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Dear Members of the Independent Regulatory Review Commission,

I write in strong opposition to the proposed Department of Health rulemaking #10-242 regarding communicable and noncommunicable diseases.

While the nature of many diseases warrants caution, care, and cooperation, the overhaul of 28 Pa. Code Chapter 27 proposed under this rulemaking extends far beyond what is necessary and infringes on the rights of Pennsylvanians across the commonwealth.

The proposed rulemaking relies on poorly defined terms, imposes extensive data sharing practices, and mandates detailed reports that provide little benefit to public safety, while infringing on residents' constitutional rights. Many of the disease control measures are a direct overreach by the Department into Pennsylvania homes and families.

I strongly urge the Commission to consider these rights first when reviewing rulemaking #10-242. The constitutional rights of Pennsylvania residents must be protected, and the Department has a duty to forgo regulations that violate the homes and lives of commonwealth citizens.

Sincerely,

Greg Rothman
State Senator
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