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Formal Opposition to Proposed Regulation #10-242 / IRRC #3490
To the Pennsylvania Department of Health and Members of the Independent Regulatory Review Commission:

I am writing as a resident and taxpayer of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to express my strong opposition to the proposed regulatory rewrites to Chapter 27 regarding communicable and noncommunicable diseases (Rulemaking #10-242 / IRRC #3490).

While I understand the foundational need for public health data collection, the immense scope and vague language contained within this massive multi-page proposal represent an unprecedented expansion of executive agency power. I urge the IRRC to reject this proposal based on the following critical concerns:

Infringement on Fourth Amendment Rights: The language regarding inspections and investigations creates ambiguity that could allow state or local health officials to enter private residences, schools, and business properties without a warrant or established probable cause. Administrative convenience must never supersede constitutional protections against warrantless entry.

Lack of Legislative Oversight: Major policy shifts—such as implementing sweeping containment protocols, mandating mitigation measures, or altering school-level public health mandates—should be debated and voted on by the General Assembly, not unilaterally enacted through unelected agency rule-making.

Medical Privacy and Data Security: The proposed changes to data tracking and mandatory reporting raise serious concerns regarding the confidentiality of citizens' private health records. Expanding access to centralized databases without robust, explicit privacy protections puts citizens' sensitive information at risk.

Broad and Vague Mandates: The "catch-all" terminology used to define potential mitigation protocols leaves the door wide open for unpredictable overreach during future health declarations, creating severe economic and social uncertainty for Pennsylvania families and businesses.

For these reasons, I believe the proposed regulations fail the standards of clarity, intent, and statutory authority required by the Regulatory Review Act.

I respectfully request that the Independent Regulatory Review Commission disapprove this regulation in its current form and direct the Department of Health to work with the legislature to establish balanced, constitutionally sound public health frameworks.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and commitment to reviewing public input on this vital matter.

Sincerely,
Brett Correll, PA Resident, Father