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Honorable John McGinley, Jr., Chairman **Independent Regulatory Review Commission** 14th Floor, Harristown 2 33 Market Street Harrisburg, PA 17101

Dear Jack:

I understand the Department has withdrawn the Final Form Regulations on Workers' Compensation Safety and Health, about which i wrote you earlier this month.

In order to keep you aware of my efforts in this area, I am enclosing a copy of a letter I sent to Secretary Butler. I have recommended he provide a forum for direct discussion among all who have expressed interest in these regulations.

The specific mechanism I suggested Secretary Butler use is one whereby he would convene a stakeholders roundtable at which the department would have direct discussion with all who have expressed interest in these regulations and at which those interested entities would also comment upon the department's proposals and each other's proposals and comments.

I believe such an endeavor would be consistent with the spirit of the Independent Regulatory Review Act and would enhance the product that emerges from the department's efforts.

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Thank you for your continuing interest in these important worker safety issues.

Sincerely Million

H. William DeWeese
The Democratic Leader

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cc: Johnny J. Butler, Secretary Labor and Industry