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www.ccac.edu

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Community College of Beaver County
www.ccbc.edu

Pennsylvania Independent Regulatory Commission
333 Market Street, 14th Floor
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Bucks County Community College
www.bucks.edu

The Pennsylvania Commission for Community Colleges (PACCC) supports the final omitted regulation submitted by the Pennsylvania Department of Education on Postsecondary Distance Education Reciprocity #6-337 (IRRC#3168), which is to be considered by the Commission on May 18, 2017.

Butler County Community College
www.bc3.edu

Delaware County Community College
www.dccc.edu

The regulation establishes procedures and fees to support the administration of Pennsylvania's participation in the national State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA). By participating in SARA, community colleges in Pennsylvania that enroll out-of-state students in distance education programs will see a lessening of their regulatory burden and reduced costs. Online education is one the fastest growing sectors for Pennsylvania's community colleges.

HACC, Central Pennsylvania's Community College
www.hacc.edu

Lehigh Carbon Community College
www.lccc.edu

Pennsylvania is among the last three states that have not joined SARA. Without the Commonwealth's continued participation in the Agreement, Pennsylvania's community colleges may be at a competitive disadvantage. SARA regulations will only impact community colleges that choose to participate in SARA – they are not bound by the regulation unless they choose to opt in.

Luzerne County Community College
www.luzerne.edu

Montgomery County Community College
www.mc3.edu

PACCC and its member colleges ask the Commission to vote "yes" on the regulation on May 18.

Northampton Community College
www.northampton.edu

Please contact me if you have any questions or if you would like any additional information.

Pennsylvania Highlands Community College
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Sincerely,

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