Pennsylvania Association of Pardon Projects



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Via email: irrc@irrc.state.pa.us

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

Re: 16A-66 (Consideration of Criminal Convictions)

Proposed Final Regulations Implementing Act 53 of 2020 Occupational Licensing Reform Bill – IRCC No. 3361

To the Members of the Commission:

On behalf of the Pennsylvania Association of Pardon Projects, I write to convey our unanimous and enthusiastic support for the above proposed final regulations as delivered to the IRRC on February 15, 2024.

Our Association is comprised of volunteer organizations in 24 counties in Pennsylvania. We serve low-income Pennsylvanians who have criminal convictions in their past and who, despite having completed their sentences years if not decades ago, are still being held back by their records from achieving their potential – for the benefit of themselves, their families and their communities.

We meet monthly to share best practices and learn about developments in the laws and regulations that impact our clients. We considered the proposed 16A-66 final package at our meeting on February 29, 2024. By unanimous vote, the Association adopted the following Resolution:

RESOLVED, that the Pennsylvania Association of Pardon Projects express to the IRRC its enthusiastic support of the proposed 16A-66 Final Regulations as being so clearly in the public interest, and,

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Association thank the Acting Commissioner of Professional and Occupational Affairs for having conducted such a thorough and thoughtful review of the data and the comments that had been submitted, and proposing final regulations that clearly, feasibly and reasonably implement the provisions and spirit of Act 53 of 2020.

Accordingly, we urge the IRRC to approve the proposed Regulation in its entirely.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments.

Respectfully,

Brian V. Gorman, Esquire Secretary

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