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Dear Commissioners,

The Pennsylvania House Children & Youth Committee, pursuant to Section 8.1 of the Regulatory Review Act, respectfully requests that the Independent Regulatory Review Commission review 55 Pa. Code 3700, which has been in effect since 1987.

Earlier this session, the Committee held a series of roundtable discussions with county children and youth agency administrators around the Commonwealth. During the course of these discussions, numerous administrators identified particular provisions in the 3700 regulation, which pertains to licensing of foster families, that were either unnecessary or unduly burdensome. Additionally, it has come to our attention that certain important statutes pertaining to foster families are not being enforced, due at least in part to the fact that the requirements of the statute are reflected nowhere in the regulation. Other provisions of the regulation are no longer recognized as valid, and their continuation "on the books" has caused considerable confusion and error in some cases.

For these reasons, we respectfully request that IRRC examine the regulation in hope that those provisions that are unnecessary, out of date, no longer have impact on the Commonwealth, or which are no longer in the best interest of the public may be identified. We would also urge you to meaningfully engage the regulated community when reviewing the regulation, including not only county children and youth agencies, but also foster care and adoption agencies and, perhaps most importantly, foster families.

The Children & Youth Committee met on September 21, 2022 and unanimously voted in support of sending this letter. On behalf of the Committee we thank you for fulfilling your duties under Section 8.1 of the Regulatory Review Act and looks forward to learning the results of your careful review.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Sheryl M. Delozier in blue ink.

Sheryl M. Delozier
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