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Commissioners of the Independent Regulatory Review Commission:

Re: Review of Regulations

Pursuant to section 8.1 of the Regulatory Review Act (Act), a Committee of the Senate or House of Representatives may request a review of an existing regulation which has been in effect for at least three years. If a Committee makes such a request, the Independent Regulatory Review Commission (Commission) "shall perform the review and shall assign it high priority." In conducting such a review, the Commission may submit recommendations to an agency recommending changes in existing regulations if the Commission finds that the existing regulations are contrary to the public interest under the criteria established in section 5.2 of the Act. Further, the Commission may also make recommendations to the General Assembly and the Governor for statutory changes if the Commission finds that any existing regulation may be contrary to the public interest.

On September 21, 2022, the House Health Committee held a voting meeting in which the Committee considered and approved a motion authorizing me, as the Majority Chair of the Committee, to submit a letter to the Commission to request a review of certain regulations that are listed below. Specifically, pursuant to section 8.1, we are requesting a review of any sections or parts of these regulations that are at least three years old to determine whether they are contrary to the public interest and to make any recommendations as provided under the Act.

- The following regulations under 28 Pa. Code (relating to Health and Safety):
 - Ch. 5 (relating to clinical laboratories).
 - Ch. 30 (relating to blood banks).
 - Ch. 51 (relating to general information).
 - Ch. 53 (relating to photo identification badges).

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- Subpart B (relating to general and special hospitals). This subpart encompasses Chapters 101 through 158.
- Subpart F (relating to ambulatory surgical facilities). This subpart encompasses Chapters 551-573.
- The following regulations under 55 Pa. Code (relating to Human Services):
 - Chapter 1245 (relating to ambulance transportation).
 - Chapter 1249 (relating to home health agency services).

If you have any questions or if I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,



Kathy L. Rapp, Chair
House Health Committee

cc: Members of the House Health Committee