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Dear Ms. Hicks:

Pursuant to IC 4-22-2-28, the Indiana Economic Development Corporation ("IEDC") has reviewed the economic impact analysis for small business associated with rule changes contained in LSA Document 12-198 and proposed by the Indiana Professional Licensing Agency ("IPLA"). The proposed rule amends various sections of 832 IAC in order to update rules to align with current industry standards and state statute.

The economic impact statement prepared by the IPLA indicates that the proposed rule does not increase the number of businesses currently subject to the rules, which include funeral homes, funeral branches, and cemeteries. According to the IPLA 697 funeral homes and 208 cemeteries and crematoriums are subject to the current rules and would be subject to the proposed changes. The economic impact on businesses, according to the IPLA, is expected to be minimal and may involve minor costs to ensure that records remain secure and for installing wet or dry hand sanitizer in funeral homes with embalming rooms. The economic impact statement does not indicate how many of these businesses may already be in compliance with the proposed changes.

The IEDC does not object to the economic impact to small businesses associated with the proposed rule. If you have any questions about the comments contained herein please contact me at 234-3997 or eshields@iedc.in.gov.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric P. Shields".

Eric P. Shields
Policy Director