

March 12, 2008

Kevin R. Hayden, Secretary  
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Dear Secretary Hayden:

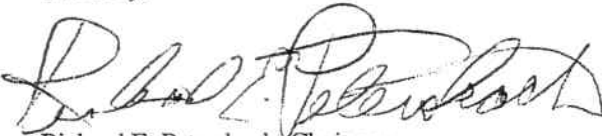
On behalf of the Small Business Regulatory Review Board (SBRRB) I acknowledge receipt of the department's February 22, 2008 response to the SBRRB concerning HFS-83, relating to community-based residential facilities (CBRF).

In review of the response, the SBRRB notes that the department will revise the administrator qualifications as a result of the SBRRB and CBRF provider comments. The SBRRB commends the department for its resolve to reduce economic burdens by revising these requirements.

The SBRRB understands that as a result of collaboration with the staff from the Department of Commerce's Safety and Building's Division the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 13D was verified as the most cost-effective suppression system available. The SBRRB acknowledges that additional rule clarification will be provided for instances when the department will accept the municipalities higher standard in lieu of the NFPA 13D. Existing small class C CBRF's will benefit as a result of the department's efforts to provide greater clarification of their requirements as contained in the proposed rule.

The SBRRB appreciates the department's consideration to reevaluate the economic impacts of the rule on small business. I look forward to the continued assistance of your department in supporting small business in Wisconsin.

Sincerely,



Richard E. Petershack, Chairman  
Small Business Regulatory Review Board