Larry Wolpert – Executive Director Joint committee on Agency Rule Review (JCARR) April 21, 2021

Good afternoon Madam Chair and members of the committee and thank you for permitting me to give testimony on the budget bill.

The Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review or more commonly known as JCARR was created in 1977 and consists five House members and five Senate members.

For some background the committee has the same powers as standing or select committees and continues to meet even when the General Assembly has adjourned. The roll of JCARR is to review all proposed, amended and rescinded administrative rules from over 100 agencies to ensure agencies do not exceed their rule writing authority granted to them by the General Assembly.

Under my tenure as director we have created a series of instructional videos, redesigned our website, created the RuleWatch website, rewrote our procedures manual to an easy read format and redesigned the Rule Summary and Fiscal Analysis. These enhancements make it easier for agencies to

process and submit rules for review and therefore reduce time and costs.

The JCARR proposed budget is "flat funded" for FY 2022 and FY 2023 at \$570,000 for both years.

Thank you Madam Chair and members of the committee and I would be willing to answer any questions you may have.