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AGENCY MEMORANDUM OF RESPONSE

TO:

Mark Hamlin

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Ohio Lieutenant Governor's Office

FROM:

Lance Himes, J.D. General Counsel

Ohio Department of Health

RE:

O.A.C. Rules 3701-17-55, 3701-17-58, and 3701-17-62 - Residential Care

Facilities

DATE:

August 22, 2014

Thank you for your recommendation to proceed with original filing amended rules 3701-17-55, 3701-17-58, and 3701-17-62 pertaining to Residential Care Facilities. As indicated in your memorandum, during the thirty-day CSI-comment period, the Ohio Assisted Living Association (OALA) recommended further changes to the rules. Although ODH elected not to make the changes, an OALA representative spoke in favor of going forward with the rules as written at the August 8, 2014 Ohio Public Health Advisory Board meeting.