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BUREAU CIRCULAR NO. 1347

To All Members of the Bureau:

Re: **OPEN LETTER TO MEMBERS FROM PCRB GOVERNING BOARD**

At the direction of the Governing Board the Bureau is distributing the attached open letter to the attention of all Bureau members.

Timothy L. Wisecarver
President

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The Governing Board (Board) of the Pennsylvania Compensation Rating Bureau (PCRB) is aware that the National Council on Compensation Insurance, Inc. (NCCI) has recently advanced certain initiatives both in writing and in discussion with individual Board members, trade associations and other parties. These initiatives seek to merge some or all functions of the PCRB into the NCCI, which could lead to the elimination of the PCRB as an independent entity in Pennsylvania.

After careful consideration and full discussion of the NCCI initiatives, the Board affirms the following:

- *The Board is committed to the continuing existence and operation of the PCRB as an independent and fully functional rating organization.*
- *The Board is fully satisfied that the past and current performance of the PCRB exhibits expertise, diligence and responsiveness to all appropriate issues pertaining to the Pennsylvania workers compensation insurance system.*
- *The Board believes that the PCRB operates efficiently and effectively in providing services to its members and other appropriate constituencies.*
- *The Board recognizes that the PCRB continues to critically review its business practices, endeavoring to provide the best possible services to its members.*
- *The Board has confidence in the PCRB's abilities to fully address any future issues which may arise in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania as respects the PCRB's responsibilities.*
- *The Board has not solicited and is not soliciting any proposal from or on behalf of the NCCI or any other organization or entity pertaining to a possible merger, replacement or any other arrangement resulting in the elimination or diminution of the PCRB as it presently exists.*
- *To date no specific proposal has been received from the NCCI by the Board.*

Any PCRB member(s) having questions or concerns regarding the above referenced matters are encouraged to contact Timothy L. Wisecarver, President of the PCRB. Mr. Wisecarver will address questions or comments as presented and at the option of any PCRB member(s), will also facilitate contact with the Governing Board for purposes of providing additional information as appropriate.

Members of the PCRB Governing Board

Employers Insurance of Wausau
Harleysville Mutual Insurance Company
Liberty Mutual Insurance Company
Lumbermen's Mutual Casualty Company
Pennsylvania Department of Labor & Industry

PMA Insurance Company
Reliance Insurance Company
State Workmen's Insurance Fund
Travelers Insurance Company
USF&G Company