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The Honorable Mike Ross, Co-Chairman
The Honorable Mark Hunt, Co-Chairman
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Charleston, West Virginia 25305

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Dear Senator Ross and Delegate Hunt:

Currently in the process of review by the Legislative Rule-Making Review Committee is an amendment to 64-CSR-51 (Fees for Service). The proposed amendments deal with fees for the Bureau for Public Health's Vital Registration Office.

As the Public Health Transitions Project has evolved through our work with Finance Subcommittee F, we are looking at the overall package of State Code and Regulations, as well as the cost of providing public health services. At this time, it is our opinion that it would be more logical to consider an amendment to 64-CSR-51 as part of the comprehensive evaluation.

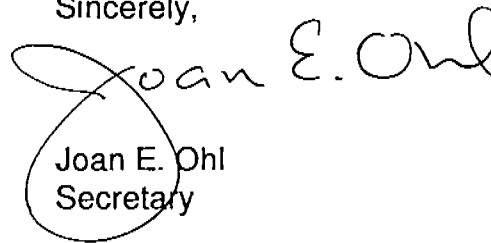
Two subcommittees have been formed in the past month. It is our expectation that both of these subcommittees will complete their work by July 1999 and be prepared to make recommendations regarding funding and legislative changes. In view of this, we are requesting to withdraw 64-CSR-51 from the legislative review process at this time. Specifically, these two subcommittees and their assignments are as follows:

1. Legislative and Regulatory Subcommittee whose charge is to review all state public health legislation and regulations and to determine the need for corrections and revisions to state code and rules.
2. Basic Public Health Services Cost Subcommittee which is charged with determining the annual cost of delivering basic public health services for each county health department and the Bureau for Public Health.

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Your consideration of this request will be appreciated and will allow us to more fully evaluate this Rule as an integral part of Public Health legislation and funding.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joan E. Ohl". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letter of "Joan" being a large, stylized loop.

Joan E. Ohl
Secretary

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