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# Memorandum

Date: 4/25/2005  
To: Lieutenant Governor Becky Skillman  
CC: IDEM Commissioner Tom Easterly  
From: Representative David Wolkins  
RE: Rulemaking Policy

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I sincerely appreciate your leadership and efforts to find a compromise on when Indiana rules should be more stringent than federal standards. I understand our agreement to include the following:

- 1) Until this issue is resolved, the Governor will not sign any proposed rule that is more stringent than federal standards, unless the rulemaking body has met the current statutory requirements to justify more strict standards. This justification will include a positive cost-benefit analysis and demonstrated benefits to the health of Hoosiers.
- 2) A commitment from you to bring the following parties together as needed to resolve the policy conflict by the end of this year if possible, including Director of Agriculture Andy Miller, IDEM Commissioner Tom Easterly, Senator Gard, and myself; and
- 3) That the policy would be formally conveyed to rulemaking Boards and appropriate agency staff and any other policy makers.

Thank you again for your leadership on this critical issue.

*David A. Wolkins*