

Seattle, Washington  
Feb. 1, 1987

Rep. Kenneth E. Brandt  
House of Representatives  
Harrisburg, Penna.

Dear Ken:

I have received your correspondence, including copies of your two bills, 2425, and 2426, as well as your memo, N. 11.

The information which you have included in these papers coincides to a very great degree with my proposals, with some differences.

I am writing to ask you if you will consider coming to Scranton around the end of March to present your case to a group of people whom I will bring together to weigh your proposals as well as mine in order to gain support for your bills. I assure you that my position will, in no way, conflict with yours. On the contrary, I believe that my position will compliment yours and prove very supportive. I will invite a few of our judges, doctors, architects, businessmen, some ordinary citizens, and a few company executives. In addition, I will see to it that the news media will be present. I would ask that you invite the new insurance commissioner, Bob Mellow, and the local representatives. On the other hand, if you prefer, I will invite them.

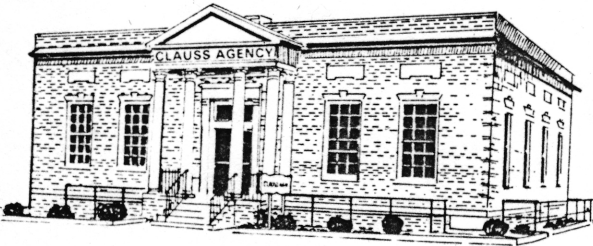
I intend to spend time, energy, and money in 1987 to accomplish some meaningful tort reform. I do not believe that your proposals have been properly supported by the insurance agents or the insurance companies. Together we can change this.

Ken, I want to assure you that you will have an attentive and supportive audience in Scranton. Your proposed laws describe what you want to accomplish. My support will be in telling the public why these proposals should be supported.

I have prepared a paper which is currently being rewritten. I hope to have it ready when I return to Scranton on the 17th of February. I will send you a copy of this paper for your perusal.

Regards,  
  
James V. Clauss

P.S. Would you kindly send a copy of the literature which you sent to me to Mr. Joseph X. Flannery, The Scranton Times, Scranton, Pa. 18501? He would like to read your proposed laws.



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January 31, 1987

Representative Kenneth Brandt  
House of Representatives  
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Harrisburg, PA 17105

Dear Ken:

Received your letter and your literature. Thank you very much.

I am going away for three weeks and when I return I hope to have a draft of what I consider to be essential in the matter of tort reform and other reforms as well in order to bring about a reduction in the cost of insurance in Pennsylvania. I would be very happy to share this information with you.

You are to be greatly commended for the efforts you are expending here. Needless to say, I wish you the very best of luck.

Regards,

James J. Clauss

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