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MARCH 13, 1989

TO: ALL HOUSE MEMBERS

FROM: REP. SUSAN LAUGHLIN\*  
REP. WILLIAM LLOYD\*  
120 SOUTH OFFICE BUILDING  
7-4444

SUBJECT: PROPOSED LEGISLATION \*\*\* ASTERISK BILL

REP. LLOYD AND I PLAN TO INTRODUCE THE ATTACHED PROPOSAL WHICH ADDRESSES THE PROBLEM OF COMPUTER-GENERATED TELEPHONE SOLICITATION.

KNOWN AS THE "RESIDENTIAL TELEPHONE SOLICITATION RESTRICTION ACT," THIS BILL WOULD PROVIDE FOR THE OPTION OF HAVING AN ASTERISK (\*) PLACED IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE NAME OF THE TELEPHONE SUBSCRIBER. A REFERENCE WOULD APPEAR IN THE PRELIMINARY PAGES OF EACH TELEPHONE DIRECTORY GIVING NOTICE THAT AN ASTERISK AFTER A SUBSCRIBER'S NAME IS A NOTIFICATION BY THE SUBSCRIBER THAT NO UNSOLICITED CONSUMER TELEPHONE CALLS ARE TO BE MADE TO THAT NUMBER.

IF YOU WISH TO CO-SPONSOR THIS PROPOSAL, PLEASE CONTACT ME AT THE ABOVE-LISTED TELEPHONE NUMBER AND I WILL PLACE YOUR NAME ON THE BILL.

SL/JPS  
ATTACHMENT

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November 5, 1993

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TO: ALL HOUSE MEMBERS

FROM: REP. SUSAN LAUGHLIN  
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*Susan Laughlin*  
50

SUBJECT: CO-SPONSORSHIP OF RESOLUTION  
"MELANOMA AWARENESS WEEK"

I would appreciate your co-sponsorship of this proposed resolution which is meant to raise public awareness regarding the dangers of, the signs of and the prevention of melanoma. Many of us are aware of the seriousness of this type of skin cancer, but it is my opinion that the seriousness of it can never be overemphasized.

Through this resolution which recognizes December 6 through 12, 1993 as "Melanoma Awareness Week," I hope to encourage individuals to practice a more proactive approach through knowing the facts and acting responsibly as a self defense against this type of cancer.

Please join me in this resolution by contacting Judith Sipos at the number listed above.

Thank you.

SL/jps  
Attachment



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October 7, 1993

Rep. Susan Laughlin  
120 South Office  
PO Box 50  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Rep. Laughlin:

We are writing to express our thanks to you on behalf of the volunteers and staff of the American Cancer Society, Pennsylvania Division, Inc. for your consideration of our opposition during the debate on House Bill 956.

A similar Bill is likely to "reappear" at some point in the future. When and if it does, we hope you will once again consider the health interests of your constituents as you register your vote.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Thomas Tachovsky, MD*  
Thomas Tachovsky, MD  
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John R. Dorgan, CPA  
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MEMBER, LOW EMISSION VEHICLE  
COMMISSION

March 29, 1994

Honorable Gerald J. LaValle  
Senate of Pennsylvania  
Room 458, Main Capitol Building  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Senator LaValle:

This is in response to your letter of March 18, 1994 concerning my "overwhelming" support for the adoption of a centralized automobile emission program with the Commonwealth.

You are correct in at least one area, specifically, my support for House Bill 2751 of 1992, which was signed into law by Governor Casey as Act 166 of 1992. Unfortunately, it is obvious to me that you and your advisors, staff or otherwise are not fully cognizant of all the facts. It is apparent that the major thrust of your letter concerns the exclusion of Carbon County from the Enhanced I/M program.

In this regard, let me set the record straight. When House Bill 2751, which I was prime sponsor of, was introduced on May 13, 1992 and passed by the House of Representatives on June 16, 1992, Carbon County was, in fact, included as one of the 33 counties that were identified for inclusion in the Commonwealth's program as a result of the Federal Clean Air Act amendments of 1990, an increase of 22 counties over our existing program.

Senator LaValle, a review of the records of the Senate Transportation Committee indicates that you voted in support of Amendment A3783, sponsored by Senator J. Doyle Corman, during consideration of House Bill 2751 by the Committee on November 9, 1992. This amendment included language directing the Secretary of Transportation to petition the federal government to exempt any county or portions of any county that may qualify for an exemption from the program based upon population data.

As a result of this amendment, which was unanimously approved by the committee, Carbon County, along with Adams, Columbia, Fayette, Monroe, Perry, Somerset, and Wyoming were removed from the program. Even with the removal of these eight counties, approximately 80 percent of the Commonwealth's vehicle fleet will be subject to requirements of the I/M program. I am fully cognizant of the implications of the Clean Air Act amendments of 1990, as well as, requirements imposed on the residents of the Commonwealth by Act 166. My role in the enactment of this legislation was to craft a proposal that would best accommodate our constituents with full recognition of convenience and cost to the driving public. In my opinion, it is implicitly clear that is not the case in the proposed hybrid California program, which if adopted, will be significantly more costly to both the state of California and the driving public.

Honorable Gerald J. LaValle  
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Under the proposed California I/M program, the test and repair portion of the program will require service station owners participating in the program to expend \$30 to \$50 thousand to purchase a RG 240 dynamometer, with enhanced analyzer, plus required computer and communications equipment. The equipment cost alone will severely limit the number of individual service station owners capable of making this investment. In addition, amortization of their investment will dictate that the cost of the test will be somewhere in the range of \$50 to \$75 per vehicle. Further, due to the limited number of vehicles eligible for the test-only portion of the program, the cost of the test will be at least double that of a test in Pennsylvania.

When you attempt to compare programs, you immediately ascertain that California will be testing 1966 and newer vehicles versus Pennsylvania's 1968 and newer vehicles. California will test vehicles up to 14,000 pounds gross weight, while Pennsylvania's program is limited to vehicles less than 9,000 pounds gross weight. Further, California will require, in addition to the normal test program, an additional test when the vehicle is sold regardless of the age of the vehicle. In addition, test and repair stations are prohibited from issuing waivers. What exactly does this mean? Federal law provided that a vehicle owner, whose vehicle failed an emission test to spend up to \$450, over and above any warranty expenses to bring their vehicle into compliance. Elimination of this waiver will force the vehicle owner to pay whatever is necessary to bring the vehicle into compliance with scrapping of the vehicle as the only alternative.

I don't know whether you are aware of correspondence between Governor Mario Cuomo of New York and U.S. EPA Administrator Carol M. Browner relative to this issue. Specifically, Governor Cuomo requested information whether a test and repair I/M program employing BAR 90 analyzers in conjunction with increased enforcement would be less costly, more convenient, and equally effective in reducing emissions in comparison to a centralized test only system. I have taken the liberty of enclosing copies of their correspondence, and it should be noted that Administrator Browner supports my position that California's proposed program will be significantly more expensive to the motoring public.

Further, a letter, copy enclosed, from Mary D. Nichols, Assistant Administrator for Air and Radiation, U.S. EPA, to Secretary Yerusolim further supports my premise that the California proposal will result in a very high failure rate for vehicles subject to test only inspection. The cost of program enforcement is expected to increase sharply -- California \$10 per vehicle or \$45 million a year vs. Pennsylvania's .17 cents or \$500,000 a year. In addition, California plans to conduct a multi-million dollar study (I assume the cost to be born by the California taxpayer) to evaluate the effectiveness of remote sensing devices, alternatives to I/M 240 test procedures, as well as, additional approaches to identify high emitting vehicles for test only inspection. In addition to the aforementioned operational costs, undoubtedly there will be increased costs incurred to administer and enforce the registration denial program.

I just don't understand how you, in all good conscience, are promoting adoption of a program similar to California's here in the Commonwealth, especially in light of your fiscal conservatism. I am particularly concerned that you would propose to eliminate the repair cost waiver of \$450, eliminate waivers for gross polluters and vehicles transferred from out-of-state, and further, ensure that the failure rate for vehicles doubles. Finally, there is no information available as to whether or not a vehicle that is tested through California's test only system will be provided a free retest after repairs have been completed, as Pennsylvania's program provides for.

Honorable Gerald J. LaValle  
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I regret that you have decided to attack me personally on this issue, especially since you have not offered any meaningful alternative to our legally constituted program other than the one being supported by representatives of Pennsylvania Service Station Operators Association -- a proposal that was considered by the Emission Inspection Advisory Committee established by Act 166 and rejected because of costs and difficulty of administration and enforcement.

In closing, it is my hope that you will realize that the program to be implemented in the Commonwealth and already submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for approval will commence as scheduled on January 1, 1995, a program that I am confident will be the most cost effective and consumer oriented program in the country. In addition, I am hopeful that this program will allow the Commonwealth to comply with the mandates of the Clean Air Act amendments of 1990, assist our businesses and industries and ensure for continued economic expansion in the Commonwealth, as well as, provide long range benefits for the health and welfare of our citizens.

Sincerely,



KEITH R. McCALL  
State Representative  
122nd Legislative District

KRMc/RJH/dsw  
Enclosures (4)

cc: Honorable Robert P. Casey  
Secretary Howard Yerusolim, PennDOT  
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March 8, 1995

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TO: ALL HOUSE MEMBERS

FROM: REP. SUSAN LAUGHLIN  
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SUBJECT: INTRODUCTION OF CPR LEGISLATION

*S Laughlin 50*

I welcome your cosponsorship of two proposals (copies attached) which I intend to introduce relating to cardiopulmonary resuscitation instruction in high schools.

The first bill amends the School Code to provide for a course of instruction in CPR to all students attending public schools.

The second bill also amends the School Code to provide for required instruction and training in CPR for teachers of CPR.

You may add your name as a cosponsor by calling my office at 7-4444.

*Bode*  
*Key*  
*(C. Davis)*

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November 14, 1995

Rep. Roy Cornell  
45 East Wing

Dear Roy:

Recently, we the undersigned met pertaining to the issue of Western Center and House Bill 1000 and ask that you consider moving the bill in your committee for a vote.

We also wish to encourage the Health and Welfare committee to conduct a public hearing on House Bill 1000 at the Western Center site in Washington County. Such a visit would enlighten the committee to what we already know--Western Center should remain open.

Thank you for your consideration.

Joseph Markosek  
Rep. Joseph Markosek

Al Pettit  
Rep. Al Pettit

Jeff Habay  
Rep. Jeff Habay

Leo Trich  
Rep. Leo Trich

Fred Trell  
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December 11, 1995

TO: ALL HOUSE MEMBERS

FROM: REP. SUSAN LAUGHLIN   
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SUBJECT: PROPOSED LEGISLATION - ADDITIONAL HIGHWAY MARKINGS FOR  
SCHOOL BUS LOADING ZONES AND STOPS

I intend to introduce legislation which will amend Title 75 (Vehicles) providing for double yellow line markings across the width of the highway indicating loading and unloading zones for school busses.

Please contact my office if you wish to co-sponsor this proposal.

Thank you.

AN ACT

1 Amending Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated  
2 Statutes, providing additional highway markings for school  
3 bus loading zones and school bus stops.

4 The General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
5 hereby enacts as follows:

6 Section 1. Section 3345(h) of Title 75 of the Pennsylvania  
7 Consolidated Statutes is amended to read:

8 § 3345. Meeting or overtaking school bus.

9 \* \* \*

10 (h) Loading zones for school children.--Every school  
11 district transporting school children by school bus shall  
12 establish and maintain school bus loading zones at or near all  
13 schools to or from which school children are transported and  
14 shall establish school bus loading zones along the highways  
15 traversed by school buses in accordance with regulations  
16 promulgated by the department. In addition to any signs, all  
17 school bus loading zones and school bus stops shall be marked  
18 with a double yellow line across the width of the highway or

1 roadway.

2 \* \* \*

3 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1996.

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March 6, 1996

Attorney Robert Zech  
Legislative Reference Bureau  
641 Main Capitol  
Harrisburg PA 17120

Dear Attorney Zech:

RE SPECIAL SESSION LEGISLATION

Please draft appropriate proposals regarding the enclosed flood-related damage assessment estimates from Aliquippa School District and the Borough of Baden.

I would like to introduce the bills when special session reconvenes on March 11, 1996.

Contact me if you need to discuss the information enclosed. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Susan Laughlin".

Susan Laughlin  
Member  
16th Legislative District

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**MEMORANDUM**

**Date:** February 28, 1997

**To:** Rep. Susan Laughlin

**From:** Daniel F. Ruzansky, Research Analyst  
Legislative Research Office

*DFR*

**Re:** Constituent letter -- William Vild, Vehicle Code Amendment

Please find enclosed a draft of a letter to William Vild responding to his letter regarding an amendment to Title 75 (Vehicles). The proposed amendment would assess three points to a driver's license should they be ticketed for not using their turn signals and would also allow all officers in Pennsylvania to use Radar speed detectors.

Also enclosed is the amendment in blueback form. I have taken the opportunity to draft a cosponsorship memorandum for this amendment, which is also enclosed.

If you have any questions, comments or alterations, I can be reached directly at 7-7983.

**enclosures**

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**MEMORANDUM**

**Date:** February 28, 1997

**To:** All House Members

**From:** Representative Susan Laughlin

**Re:** Cosponsorship of Legislation -- Amend Title 75 (Vehicles)

It often seems that as soon as a person gets behind the wheel of their automobile, they forget that they are sharing the road with others. The emboldened attitudes that people display when driving have caused too many accidents; some of which only result in minor damage, others in serious or fatal injury.

I am sure that there are many people with stories about accidents or near collisions because a driver was not being considerate to other commuters. Be the case where they do not use their turn signals, drive faster than safety allows, or commit some other violation of the rules of the road, the end result is that it places other drivers in potentially dangerous situations. On one level we can say that these types of actions amount to rude driving manners; on another level, it is a hazardous practice that needs to be addressed.

To that end, I have prepared an amendment to Title 75 (Vehicles) that would require drivers that fail to use their turn signals be assessed three points on their license. This amendment would also enable police officers other than just Pennsylvania State Troopers to use Radar speed detectors, further enabling local police to enforce speed restrictions.

If you would like to cosponsor this legislation, please contact my office at 7-4444.

**enclosure**

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February 28, 1997

William Vild  
314 Woodcroft Drive  
Baden PA 15001

Dear Mr. Vild:

Thank you for your recent letter outlining your traffic safety concerns and your proposed changes to Pennsylvania law.

It often seems that as soon as a person gets behind the wheel of their automobile, they forget that they are sharing the road with others. The emboldened attitudes that people display when driving have caused too many accidents; some of which result in minor damage, others in serious or fatal injury.

I am sure that there are many people with stories about accidents or near collisions because a driver was not being considerate to other commuters. Be the case where they do not use their turn signals, drive faster than safety allows, or commit some other violation of the rules of the road, the end result is that it places other drivers in potentially dangerous situations. On one level we can say that these types of actions amount to rude driving manners; on another level, it is a hazardous practice that needs to be addressed.

To that end, I have prepared an amendment to the Pennsylvania Vehicle Code that would require drivers that fail to use their turn signals be assessed three points on their license. This amendment would also enable police officers other than just Pennsylvania State Troopers to use Radar speed detectors, further enabling local police to enforce speed restrictions.

Thank you for your input regarding this issue. I value the ideas and suggestions that my office receives and appreciate the opportunity to assist people where I may. Please do not hesitate to contact my office again should I be of additional assistance to you in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan Laughlin".

Susan Laughlin  
State Representative,  
16<sup>th</sup> Legislative District

enclosure

# **ECONOMY BOROUGH MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY**

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February 17, 1997

Representative Susan Laughlin  
House Post Office  
Main Capitol  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Representative Laughlin:

This letter will service to express our Authority's deep concern and opposition to the eventual elimination of funding for Act 339 Sewage Treatment Plant Operation Grants for municipal authorities, municipalities and school districts.

The prior funding of \$40 million dollars was critical to the operation of many sewage treatment facilities in Pennsylvania. Many authorities have already done long range budgeting which anticipate the receipt of Act 339 monies.

**This funding is not inconsequential!!** In an era of numerous unfunded mandates impacting authority operations, an Authority can ill-afford the effect of yet another financial blow to municipal services.

We vigorously urge you to press for the full reinstatement of the Act 339 Grant monies in the 1997-1998 Commonwealth budget, and do not allow further future reductions in this essential grant program.

Sincerely,

  
Richard H. Mattern *slm*  
Chairman

/km

cc: PMAA

WILLIAM R. LLOYD, JR., MEMBER

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STATE TRANSPORTATION  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE

March 12, 1997

Honorable Susan Laughlin  
House of Representatives  
120 South Office Building  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Representative Laughlin:

Thank you for advising me of your support for House Bill 452, legislation dealing with bus transportation.

Enclosed is correspondence I have exchanged with a company which contacted me in support of HB 452. Because I was not a member of the House Consumer Affairs Committee at the time of the public hearing, I have asked this company for background information on the proposal.

Please be assured that I will carefully review any information which the company provides.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bill Lloyd".

William R. Lloyd, Jr.  
State Representative  
69th District

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February 26, 1997

Watson F. McGaughey, Jr., President  
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Dear Sir:

Thank you for advising me of your support for House Bill 452, legislation dealing with a certificate from the Public Utility Commission for certain bus transportation.

I have not been a member of the House Consumer Affairs Committee since 1992. Therefore, I am not familiar with the testimony presented at the 1994 hearing in Pittsburgh.

I am aware that there has been substantial deregulation of the transportation industry. Therefore, I am not certain of the current legal requirements for a certificate.

In view of the foregoing, I would appreciate any additional information you can provide regarding the need for HB 452.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

William R. Lloyd, Jr.  
State Representative  
69th District

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Representative William R. Lloyd, Jr., Minority Chairman  
Consumer Affairs Committee  
Pennsylvania House of Representatives  
Harrisburg, Pa., 17120

Dear Representative Lloyd,

House Bill No. 452, has been referred to your committee on February 11, 1997. Please act on this bill as soon as possible. A similar bill, H.B. 2865, was presented in 1994, and passed the House that year. There was testimony in Pittsburgh on this bill. Much of the work has been done and would be redundant at this point.

Tourism JOBS are at stake. Our company encourages destinations and spending on our tours OUTSIDE Pennsylvania because that is the only thing that we can do. WE have no PUC Certificate and can't afford the legal fees to get one. I would love to tour people inside Pennsylvania. They would spend money on meals, lodging, events, consumer goods, amusement parks, and other job producing ends within Pennsylvania. I would no longer tell them to ski in West Virginia and New York. I would tell them that Idlewild and Hershey Park are far better than Cedar Point of Ohio. The money spent by my passengers will provide JOBS in Pennsylvania.

There are many companies like ours in Pennsylvania and even those with certificates are limited in origin and destination. This forces them to suggest out of state destinations if the request doesn't quite fit their certificate.

Tax REVENUE obviously will be increased with improved tourism dollars. PUC assessments will increase with more carriers and travel within Pa.

Please favorably consider this bill as soon as possible. We probably have missed the 1997 travel season, but can do well in 1998 if we act quickly.

Sincerely,

Watson F. McGaughey, Jr.  
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February 23, 1999

TO: All House Members  
FROM: Representative Susan Laughlin   
SUBJECT: Proposed Legislation – School Bus Seating

I will be introducing legislation that will amend Title 75 (Vehicles) to further provide for the seating of students on school buses.

This bill will specify that school children attending kindergarten through sixth grade may be transported three to a seat on a school bus. All other school children shall only be transported two to a seat in a school bus.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, please call Kendalle in my office. Thank you for your consideration.

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**Bill:**

*School Bus Seating*

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TO: All House Members  
FROM: Representative Susan Laughlin *S Laughlin*  
SUBJECT: Proposed Legislation – Amending Title 75

I plan to introduce legislation that will provide that during a routine stop by a police officer, the operator of the stopped vehicle will illuminate the interior of said vehicle and place his or hands on the steering wheel.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation that will extend additional safety to police officers, please contact my office at 7-4444. Thank you for your consideration.



## PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION OF NURSE ANESTHETISTS

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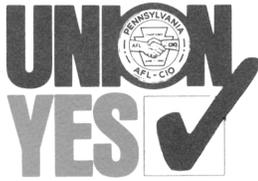
Dear Representative,

The Pennsylvania Association of Nurse Anesthetists (PANA), representing over 2,400 Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists, vehemently opposes HB 823. PANA did not agree to this language. You have been led to believe that HB 823 is simply an attempt to put into statute what was in regulation. This is not entirely accurate. While the hospital regulations would not change, the surgical facility regulations would have to change to reflect the standard of physical presence.

We find this a distressing avenue to pursue in light of the current shortage of qualified anesthesia providers in Pennsylvania. Without further consideration, this bill will have a major, negative impact on access to healthcare for your constituents.

Sincerely,  
Pennsylvania Association of Nurse Anesthetists

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# PENNSYLVANIA AFL-CIO

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*Secretary-Treasurer*

June 4, 2001

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE PENNSYLVANIA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**RE: House Bill 1633, Printer's Number 1990,  
and the Thomas and Belfanti Amendments  
PLEASE SUPPORT**

Dear Representative:

We are writing to urge your strongest support to House Bill 1633, Printer's Number 1990 and the Thomas and Belfanti Amendments. The legislation amends the Occupational Disease Act to include those who put their lives in danger to serve the public. This legislation creates a rebuttable presumption that the blood borne pathogen Hepatitis C is a compensable occupational disease.

First responders to traffic, fire, explosion and other tragedies should not have to risk their lives without the assurance that should they do so and become infected with Hepatitis C, their medical and wage losses will be covered.

Hepatitis C is a deadly disease. It is often not detected for years. First responders under current law have no remedy should their act in saving a life result in contracting Hepatitis C, a degenerative life taking illness.

This legislation serves both a broad public purpose of encouraging critical workers to act without hesitation and to assure workers of compensation should they become diseased.

We urge the General Assembly to unanimously support House Bill 1633, Printer's Number 1990 and the Thomas and Belfanti Amendments.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM M. GEORGE, President  
RICHARD W. BLOOMINGDALE, Secretary-Treasurer

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Dear Representative Laughlin,

DAVID W. SCHMIDT  
*Vice President*  
220 South 16th Street  
Allentown, PA 18102

Today, you will be debating and considering for final passage, House Bill 1633 with two amendments which will be offered from the House floor. HB 1633 was introduced by Representative John Perzel and modifies the workers compensation statute to include Hepatitis C as an occupational disease for law enforcement personnel. The two amendments are A2121 offered by Representative Curtis Thomas which expands the coverage to include several other classes of emergency responders including paid and volunteer fire fighters, EMS providers and rescue squad members, and A2149 offered by Representative Robert Belfanti, which expands the coverage to include correction officers. Our Association, which is comprised of 10,000 active and retired professional fire fighters in Pennsylvania, is fully supportive of HB1633 amended by both amendments being offered.

JOSEPH MATTA  
*Vice President*  
2613 Versailles Avenue  
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RUSSELL P. CERAMI  
*President, Emeritus*

For decades, both paid professional and volunteer fire fighters, have placed their lives in danger every day for the citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. However today, the traditional dangers one might think of when talking about fire fighting, have taken on a new face - bloodborne infectious diseases. Now faced with the knowledge that being infected with an incurable infectious disease like Hepatitis C which submits you to ongoing medical treatment, end-stage liver disease or liver cancer, forces us to train our people to better protect themselves. But this was not always the case. We have experienced blood splashes from the victims we were helping. We have experienced scrapes on our arms from the mangled wreckage of an auto accident trying to free an entrapped victim. We have heard the stories about our colleagues sustaining accidental needle sticks as they worked in the burning drug houses. These exposures happen in the course of our duty to the public all too frequently.

EDWARD H. JACOBSON  
*Secretary-Treasurer, Emeritus*

NORMAN DAVIS  
*Recording Secretary, Emeritus*

This legislation is important, not just to our members, but to all emergency service providers, because it gives us a refutable presumption that we did in fact contract the disease in the course of our service to the community. On behalf of all of the members I represent, but particularly on behalf of those members and their families that currently suffer from the emotional, financial and physical strains of being inflicted by Hepatitis C, I strongly urge a yes vote on the two above mentioned amendments and the bill itself as amended.

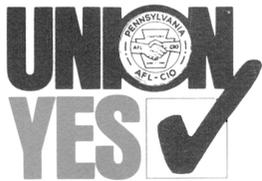
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Thank you in advance for your compassion,

Barry J. Buskey, President



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June 20, 2001

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE PENNSYLVANIA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

RE: **Senate Bill 377, Printer's Number 942 – Predatory Lending Amendment**  
**PLEASE OPPOSE**

Dear Representative:

It is our understanding that an Amendment will be offered to Senate Bill 377, Printer's Number 942, for the purpose of overriding a prohibition on Predatory Lending practices, passed 16-0 by the Philadelphia City Council. We urge you to oppose the Amendment which, in effect, authorizes Predatory Lending practices in the City of Philadelphia.

The proposed Amendment would have a broad sweep by knocking out the power for any local government to regulate gouging in lending, as well as areas such as discriminatory lending practices.

Predatory Lending practices include balloon payments, excessive loan charges and gouging low-income consumers. (See Predatory Lending practices that would be affected attached.)

We strongly request that this last minute move to override the Philadelphia Ordinance be defeated for the fraud that it is. Low income workers that we represent i.e., janitors, nurses aides, cafeteria workers and thousands of others who are working their way out of poverty should be protected from the unscrupulous practices of these lenders.

Attached is a fact sheet and three editorials (Philadelphia Inquirer and Philadelphia Daily News), which expose this end run tactic that will harm the citizens of Philadelphia.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

WILLIAM M. GEORGE, President  
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Attachment: Fact Sheet  
News Editorials

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**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** All members  
**From:** Rep. Susan Laughlin  
**Subj:** Co-Sponsorship of History Code Amendments

I am planning to introduce legislation to amend Title 37 of the Pa.C.S. (Historical and Museums) that would expand the ability of the Pa. Historical and Museum Commission (PHMC) to enter into cooperative agreements with other public and non-profit organizations, grant the PHMC Eminent Domain Powers, allow the PHMC to transfer title of property to those organizations under the terms of the cooperative agreement.

The need for updating the History Code is great. Just as Heritage Tourism becomes more important to our economy, development pressures are threatening some of the state's most significant historic sites. The most glaring recent loss was the General "Mad" Anthony Wayne's encampment at Legionville which has been bulldozed for a future used car lot. Efforts to purchase the property failed largely due to the owner's unrealistic expectations. The developer, in this case, was demanding 25 times the estimated fair market value. The local township government was although interested in preserving the site, was reluctant to take on the possible court costs of instituting its own condemnation proceedings. While this site was of national significance, many other, sites are similarly threatened which are of state or local significance.

The bill amends the History Code to: (1) expand the focus of cooperative agreements with private and public organizations to include political subdivisions and to allow for "acquiring, managing land or buildings or easements of historical sites;" (2) provides for Eminent Domain powers as per the "Eminent Domain Code;" (3) provides for transfer of title or long-term lease of Historical property to governmental or private organizations which have established an agreement with the Commonwealth; (4) title holder, or leasee, assumes all fiscal responsibility for management of the property under the terms of cooperative agreement. The agreement must include restrictions for the preservation of the historical value of the site and for proper insurance coverage. Failure to abide by the restrictions results in the property reverting to the Commonwealth.

Anyone interested in cosponsoring this legislation, please call my office at 7-4444.

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Mr. Ray Sheppard  
Director  
Old Economy Village  
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Dear Mr. Macry:

Please find attached a copy of the response that I recently received from Mr. Michael H. Herschok, Secretary of the Budget with the Governor's Office, regarding my inquiry on capital improvements for Old Economy Village in Ambridge.

As you will note, Act 113-1988 authorized a total of \$1,604,130,000 for Public Improvement projects throughout the Commonwealth of which authorization for Old Economy improvements and renovations are included. Given the number of projects and dollars required to fund their implementation, the Commonwealth is limiting the Capital Budget Bond Program to a maximum of \$188 million per year in order to maintain the State's bond rating and fiscal integrity.

The historical significance of Old Economy Village is recognized by myself and the entire Beaver Valley legislative delegation and you can be assured of our continued support and interest in expediting the approval of the necessary renovations through the Capital Budget process.

Please be assured that I will continue to work with the Budget Office on this matter and I will advise you of all further developments.

Thank you very much for your support and cooperation on this matter.

Sincerely,



GERALD J. LaVALLE

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cc: Representative Susan Laughlin ✓  
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Representative Mike Veon  
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