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October 18, 1990

Dear Friend and Neighbor:

Enclosed is a news release I recently issued on the results of the questionnaire that was contained in the Summer/Fall newsletter I sent to residents of the Second Legislative District in September.

I hope you find the results to be as interesting and informative as I did on issues involving family and medical leave, the county prison bond issue, gas meter reading devices, the Presque Isle breakwalls and auto insurance.

I personally want to thank those of you who responded to the survey and assure you that your opinions on these issues are valuable to me and will be given full consideration.

The periodic newsletters and surveys I have sent to you are an important means of communication and help me to keep in contact with my constituents, especially those who lack the time to visit or write to my office.

I hope they are interesting and helpful to you as well.

Sincerely,

Italo S. Cappabianca State Representative

Enclosure

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA HARRISBURG

September 8, 1994

Dear Doctor,

Recently, I surveyed by mail almost 20,000 households in Erie about their views on health care and their coverage and costs under the current health care system.

Enclosed are the detailed and non-partisan results of this survey. I hope that you will take a moment to examine these results and will find this information helpful. I have also included a few extra copies of the report; you may want to make these available to your patients.

You may find it interesting to note that when asked to rate some twelve different health care priorities, reducing doctor's salaries had the least support.

As Chairman of the Federal-State Relations Committee of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives I have been following the debate over health care reform, making sure that copies of all recent health care proposals have been made available to Erie area libraries. I offer my assistance in keeping you informed about the health care debate and fighting existing health care programs that overwhelm your practices with red tape and needless bureaucratic paperwork.

Finally, I also welcome your suggestions on ways to increase access to health care for Erie residents who do not currently have health care coverage. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Italo S. Cappabianca

Chair, Federal-State Relations Representative, 2nd District

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### Dear 1;2:

Thank you for returning the petition on residential property tax reform that was included in my Spring newsletter. I received an overwhelming response from concerned citizens, like yourself, on the critical issue of property tax reform in Pennsylvania.

Pennsylvanians are paying a far greater share of every locally raised property tax dollar today than they did 10 years ago. When voters approved the Homestead Exemption last November, they mandated the state legislature to take the long-awaited step toward property tax reform.

As reported in my newsletter, I have joined House Democrats to advance a plan that would give Pennsylvania homeowners a 50 percent reduction in Pennsylvania residential school property taxes over the next five years. Local school property taxes would be reduced by more than \$2 billion in five years and the money would be brought back to local districts from the state.

This plan has an advantage over most of the tax reform proposals I've seen as it would not require the usual process of tax shifting. The state's existing surplus funds, which will hit the half-billion dollar mark for the third consecutive year, would be given back to you, the taxpayer.

As always, I value your ideas and concerns about state government and I appreciate the time you took to review my newsletter and return the petition. Please be assured that Governor Ridge and legislative leaders will hear your message. It's time to change Pennsylvania's tax structure and relieve its citizens of high property taxes.

Sincerely,

Italo S. Cappabianca