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The Honorable Thomas Tangretti  
Pennsylvania House of Representatives  
House Post Office, State Capitol  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Representative Tangretti:

On behalf of the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation, I am writing to invite you to be our special guest at the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation's 25th Anniversary Banquet on Tuesday, October 19, 2004, at 7:00 p.m. It will be held at the Wyndham Harrisburg/Hershey Hotel (formerly the Marriott). There will be a special reception for Fred Barnes, the featured speaker, at 6:00 p.m. As an expression of our appreciation for your courage and steadfast support of the protection for human life, we would like to introduce you at the banquet.

The 25th Anniversary Dinner will feature Fred Barnes, a pro-life national commentator on the FOX News Channel, and executive editor of The Weekly Standard. He will give us his up-to-the-minute expert analysis of the issues that matter to all who hold the dignity of life as the number one priority for the nation.

You will also see a special short video presentation that will show the impact Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation has had on the cultural and legislative landscape of the Commonwealth.

Please call the state office 541-0034 by October 12 if you are able to attend the dinner so that we will be able to properly recognize you. Also, please let us know if you will attend the 6:00 p.m. reception with Fred Barnes. We need the numbers for the hotel.

Thank you again for your courageous stand on behalf of the right to life at this difficult time in the history of our nation. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 717-757-5929.

Sincerely,

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MEMORANDUM

**TO:** All House Members  
**FROM:** Representative Dan Frankel  
**DATE:** May 7, 2003  
**SUBJECT:** Contraceptive Equity Legislation

In the near future, I plan to re-introduce legislation (**HB 25** from the 2001-2002 Legislative Session, formally prime sponsored by Senator Connie Williams), concerning Contraceptive Equity. The bill will require health insurance policies to allow coverage for any prescription contraceptives approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), if the policy provides coverage for other prescriptions.

Recent decisions have drawn attention to the failure of employer-based insurance plans to provide contraceptive coverage. As a result, a substantial number of companies have added birth control to their insurance plans this year, including AT&T, Dow Jones, the Associated Press, and the Chrysler Group. In addition to various public health organizations, eight Pennsylvania unions also endorse the notion of contraceptive equity.

In Pennsylvania today, 2.6 million women are of a reproductive age and two-thirds of these women rely on employer-based insurance. However, a startling 21% of Pennsylvania insurance companies do not cover any of the six birth control methods recognized by the Food and Drug Administration.

The cost of maternal and newborn care alone is more than \$8,600 per birth, while an entire year of birth control pills costs between \$350 and \$422.

While this issue most directly concerns women and health, it is also one of equity. Women of a reproductive age spend 68% more on out-of-pocket healthcare expenses. Currently, 20 states have taken the initiative to level the playing field between men and women by passing contraceptive coverage laws.

Call my office at 705-1875 or by e-mail to [shammer@pahouse.net](mailto:shammer@pahouse.net) if you would like to join me in cosponsoring this important piece of legislation.

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February 10, 2003

**COPY**

Secretary-Designate Estelle Richman  
Department of Public Welfare  
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Harrisburg, PA 17105

Dear Secretary Richman:

As leaders of the House pro-life caucus, we wanted to share with you the great interest members of the Pennsylvania General Assembly have in making sure Pennsylvania's state funded alternatives to abortion program, Project Women In Need (WIN), is not changed.

The funding for Pennsylvania's alternatives to abortion program was started under Governor Casey and was expanded during the administrations of Governor Ridge and Governor Schweiker. The current program, Project WIN, is seven years old and has served over 65,000 needy women in Pennsylvania. This unique program is the first in the country where a government partners with local community agencies to reach out to needy women experiencing a crisis pregnancy to provide counseling and mentoring. By providing comprehensive support, the program empowers women to carry their babies to term.

The General Assembly wanted to assure that this successful program was placed into statute so that it would remain in tact under future administrations. The Project WIN amendment to H.B. 1401 is enclosed (See page 3). The amendment passed the state House 151-41 (roll call enclosed). Unfortunately, due to the lateness of the hour, the bill did not get to the Senate floor for a vote, although we understand it had the votes to pass.

This caring program that matches counselors with vulnerable women at 122 centers throughout Pennsylvania is operating so efficiently and successfully, it has become a model for the nation. Twelve states have expressed interest in using the Pennsylvania model in their states.

We congratulate you on your nomination and believe that you will be equally impressed with the performance of this critical program.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Jerry Birmelin in black ink.  
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