

April 24, 1991

draft letter to PREA

Dear:

Thank you for your help in my recent reception that you graciously helped me to have at the Pennsylvania Rural Electric Association Board Room on Locust Street. Your beautiful facility and the special helpfulness of your staff really added to the success of my event.

I certainly appreciate the Pennsylvania Rural Electric Association's generosity. That kind of assistance is crucial in politics today and having run in two extraordinarily tough and expensive campaigns in the last three years I especially value it.

My pledge has already been to work full-time for my constituents and to maintain an open door policy. You can count on my continued efforts to fulfill that pledge. In so doing, I look forward to continuing to work with the Pennsylvania Rural Electric Association in meeting the Commonwealth's needs.

Sincerely,

Tom Scrimenti

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Our State Representative

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February 26, 1992

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Dear !sal!:

I write to you today to extend my sincere thanks for all of your help in raising funds for my re-election campaign. Although this is a necessary function of running for public office, I know it is nonetheless a very tedious undertaking and I would be remiss in not acknowledging your efforts and emphasizing my gratefulness.

My quest for a third term in the State House of Representatives promises to be very challenging. However, over the years I've been very fortunate to have very kind and giving people like yourself working on my behalf. Time and again, your tireless efforts have made my job much easier.

As I embark on my third bid for the State House, I feel very positive about what I've accomplished thus far. With your steady encouragement and reliable support, I look forward to continuing my service to the good people of the 4th District.

Again, thank you so much for all of your help.

Sincerely,

Tom Scrimenti

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Tom Scrimenti

Our State Representative

July 29, 1992

Ms. Barb Mack
[REDACTED]

Corry, PA 16407

Dear Barb:

It has just been brought to my attention that some inappropriate comments were made at the July 12 Corry Area Democratic Picnic...comments which may have personally offended you. Please know that I am truly sorry for any hard feelings these remarks may have caused; I sincerely hope you will accept my humble apologies.

The annual picnic is one of my most favorite events. I look forward each year to seeing old friends and gathering in a spirit of community and good old fashioned fun. As you know, it has been a cherished tradition to welcome everyone to this celebration, regardless of political affiliation. You can imagine, therefore, how hurt I was to learn, after the fact, that you were the innocent victim of verbal abuse.

I have always felt that we enjoyed a good relationship, both personally and professionally. I would hate to see something like this stand in the way of our continuing that vein. Of course, if you'd like to discuss anything personally, I'd be happy to sit down with you. In the meantime, I hope this regrettable event doesn't change your mind about coming to next year's picnic.

Again, I am very sorry.

Sincerely,



Tom Scrimenti

bc: John Bensink

Tom Scrimenti

Our State Representative

July 29, 1992

Mr. John Bensink
[REDACTED]

Corry, PA 16407

Dear John:

Just a quick note to thank you for bringing to my attention the regrettable comments made by my mother-in-law towards Barb Mack at the July 12 Corry Democratic Picnic. I really appreciate your concern about this, and have already apologized to Barb.

You are absolutely right. Barb is a good woman who has attended a number of our events, contributing indirectly to our overall cause. She certainly did not deserve to be called a spy. I am sincerely sorry that she became a victim of such insulting words. I only hope that she will find it within herself to accept my apologies.

The Democratic Picnic has always served as a great opportunity for friends and families to get together and share in some good old fashioned fun. I hope this occurrence has not marred its reputation.

Thanks again for contacting me about this. Your support is, as always, greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



Tom Scrimenti



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Our State Representative

July 1, 1992

Mr. John K. Carothers
607 Main Capitol
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear John:

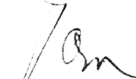
I would like to request that Mark McKillop be used to conduct polling in my legislative district for me during this year's re-election campaign. Mark has a history of good quality work and most importantly he has an acute understanding of my legislative district and Erie County.

Additionally, I would also like to request that a poll be conducted within the next 10 days so that I may use the polling information to lay out strategy for my campaign.

Lastly, one of the campaign consultants I met with on Monday, June 8, 1992, had mentioned that a handout would be prepared for me to begin my door-to-door candidacy. I would like to receive that handout as soon as possible.

Thank you in advance for your kind attention and I look forward to hearing from you in the near future regarding these three matters.

Sincerely,



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Our State Representative

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June 19, 1992

Ms. Mary Fiolek
Senator Harris Wofford's Office
107 U.S. Courthouse
Erie, PA 16501

Dear Mary:

I am writing to request your assistance in attempting to arrange an appearance by Senator Wofford at a fundraising event for my campaign at some point in early September. I will appreciate whatever can be done to facilitate this request.

I know I don't have to convince you how vital this effort would be to the campaign. Every election cycle, for me, has been a crucial one, and clearly I am in a targeted race again in 1992. Frankly, I think this race may be the most important one yet, and that a victory in 1992 can help to dissuade House Republicans from always looking at this district first.

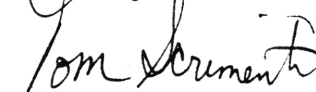
Senator Wofford's participation is crucial for several reasons. I believe he can be a catalyst for a determined fundraising effort early on, when it is most significant. I very much want to associate myself with the Senator's grass roots, responsive persona, and I think I have the legislative reform record to support that kind of association. I also think Senator Wofford engenders the kind of support and enthusiasm among core constituencies that I want to shore up and build on early in the campaign.

I am, of course, anxious to accommodate Senator Wofford's schedule in arranging this event. Please let me know how we can work out the details.

Thank you for your efforts and for all your help.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



Tom Scrimenti

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Our State Representative

September 10, 1992

Dr. David Howell
Regional Cancer Center
2500 W. 12th Street
Erie, PA 16505

Dear Dave:

Thank you for your kind interest in my health care record. I am proud of my legislative record in supporting health issues, health education and health care providers.

For example, I am proud to be able to say I supported probably the three most important health care initiatives to come before the House in the current session. I supported the Health Care Partnership legislation (House Bill 20) that passed the House in December, which would provide health insurance coverage to all uninsured children in Pennsylvania. I am hopeful that this critical legislation, to at least allow children adequate entry to our health care system, will move in the Senate.

I not only supported the Childhood Immunization Act (House Bill 536), but I was a sponsor of it. This was critical legislation to mandate that all health insurance policies approved in Pennsylvania include coverage for childhood immunization. I was gratified when my bill passed the House 151-49 last November, and even more pleased when it became law.

I also supported the living will bill (House Bill 2017) when it passed the House 105-95. As you know, this bill was highly controversial; frankly I was very much influenced by phone calls and discussions with a number of physicians who lobbied for the living will bill based on their own first hand experience.

My philosophy is that the provision of adequate health care is a basic government service. It should be and must be a primary government responsibility. I will always be a strong supporter of health care initiatives.

Please let me know if you want more information on my health care record, or if you have any specific questions for me. I consider your support to be very important. I am deeply appreciative of all your assistance.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,


Tom Scrimenti

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Our State Representative

September 9, 1992

Donald L. Kelly, President
WXKC-WRIE Radio
471 Robinson Road
Erie, PA 16509

Dear Don:

Thank you for your recent letter and your support. It means a lot to me.

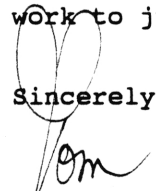
I share your outrage at so much of what is happening in government, but I really see a change coming. Four years ago, when I ran against midnight pay grabs, excessive "perks" for public officials and closed government, it was a pretty lonely crusade. When I was sworn in and refused to take the \$12,000 pay raise I so vehemently opposed, I might have been Pennsylvania's lowest paid legislator.

But in 1990 several others, some Republicans and some Democrats, joined in. Suddenly there was at least some interest in reducing the size of the General Assembly, in replacing individually leased autos with a state run fleet (and saving millions), and in making the process more accountable.

In 1992, legislative reform, more effective ethics legislation, and cutting back excessive expenditures has caught on. It makes me anxious, frankly, for what we might be able to accomplish in the 1993-94 session.

I appreciate your support. I will always work to justify your confidence.

Sincerely,


Tom Scrimenti