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Honorable Thomas J. Scrimenti
House of Representatives
25B East Wing
Harrisburg, PA 17120

March 21, 1997

Dear Representative Scrimenti:

On behalf of the over 12,000 member employers of the Pennsylvania Builders Association, I am writing to request that you co-sponsor legislation that will be introduced by Representative Frank Tulli which will amend the Architects Licensure Law. This legislation will exclude from the definition of the "practice of architecture" the design of one- and two-family homes.

Our home builders believe this is an unnecessary added expense to the home buyer to require that an architect design each and every home built in Pennsylvania.

I would be pleased to discuss this issue with you in more detail if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

Louis J. Biacchi
Director of Governmental Affairs

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April 1, 1997

Louis J. Biacchi
Director of Governmental Affairs
Pennsylvania Builders Association
600 N. Twelfth Street
Lemoyne, PA 17043

Dear Mr. Biacchi: - *Low*

I am in receipt of your letter of March 21, 1997, wherein you requested that I co-sponsor Representative Frank Tulli's legislation amending the Architects Licensure Law.

Please know that I signed on as a co-sponsor March 27, 1997. If I can be of any further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tom".

Thomas J. Scrimenti
State Representative

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June 6, 2000

Benjamin Wiley, Chief Executive Officer
Greater Erie Community Action Committee
18 West 9th Street
Erie, Pennsylvania 16501

Dear Mr. Wiley:

Thank you for writing to provide the valuable information regarding the elderly in Erie County and to express your views in support of Governor Ridge's proposal to allocate 15% of the Tobacco Settlement funds for health care and support for older Pennsylvanians.

The House Democratic Caucus last year unveiled its plan to invest Pennsylvania's share of the tobacco settlement primarily in broader access to health care, pharmaceutical assistance, cancer research and uncompensated medical care. Our plan is to invest in the health of all Pennsylvanians by helping to offset the cost of prescription medications for senior citizens and by extending health insurance to uninsured individuals. This plan would therefore honor the commitment that we have made to use these funds for health-related programs.

We have also proposed the Pennsylvania Charity Act, which provides assistance to hospitals providing uncompensated care. Additionally, we have recommended that these funds be used to revamp the PACE program to eliminate PACENET. We would like to raise the income eligibility ceiling to 225% of the federal poverty level, and establish a uniform copayment of \$7.50 and an annual subscription fee of \$40.00.

Further, our plan calls for the implementation of an enhanced prudent payer program, which applies to PACE and other state pharmaceutical programs. These programs would be guaranteed to pay no more than the lowest price that any other purchaser of the drug pays. In addition, the state would receive credit equal to half of any rebate offered by the manufacturer. An additional 400,000 elderly Pennsylvanians would be eligible to participate in the PACE Plus program.

We have also proposed the creation of a Medical Research Authority, which would float \$300 million in bonds to support applied research, technology transfer and clinical trials. These bonds would also be used to aid in the development of new biomedical projects, particularly in the areas of cancer treatment and prevention. The authority would make investment decisions, pool with other sources of funds, such as venture capital companies, and take an equity interest in

Benjamin Wiley, Chief Executive Officer
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any company in which it invests. The bill would allow SERS and PSERS pension funds to invest in these projects. Tobacco settlement money would be used to pay the debt service on the bond issue.

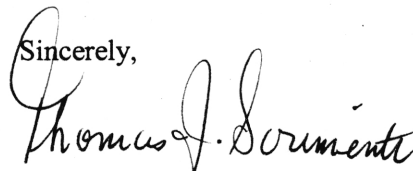
Relating to the federal COBRA law, every worker who loses his or her job may elect to continue health insurance coverage under their former employer's health insurance plan, paying 102% of the full premium to do so. We have proposed that under the proposed Interim Coverage for the Uninsured (ICU), an individual who is eligible for unemployment benefits could receive a state subsidy to help pay for COBRA coverage.

Another idea included in our plan is a proposal for a one-time investment of tobacco money that would be used to create a Public Health Trust Fund. The investment earnings from this fund would be used to provide challenge grants to community organizations, schools and foundations to support regional and local public health initiatives, such as anti-smoking programs in the schools and other community health improvement projects.

Most recently, the House of Representatives approved House Bill 445 on March 20, 2000. This bill provides requirements for tobacco manufacturers to comply with the obligations created in the settlement agreement of January 13, 1999, entitled the Master Settlement Agreement. This bill is currently awaiting Senate action.

Please know that I appreciate your sincere interest and concern regarding how these funds should best be spent. I am confident that a majority of my colleagues in the General Assembly are in basic agreement that this huge funding windfall should be used to address the various health concerns of our citizens. If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,



Thomas J. Scrimenti
State Representative

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mailed 2/20

February 16, 2004

R. Benjamin Wiley, Chief Executive Officer
c/o Greater Erie Community Action Center
18 W. 9th Street
Erie, PA 16501

Dear Mr. Wiley:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your recent correspondence requesting my support for House Bill 2216. As a state representative, I appreciate the time and effort you have taken to apprise me of your thoughts on this matter, and look forward to being of service whenever possible.

As I hope you know and as proven by my record of service, improving the quality of life for all Pennsylvanians, especially our senior citizens, is of supreme importance to me. With that in mind HB 2216 provides funds for area agencies on aging for senior transportation programs, senior center services and home and community-based services. At this writing, the measure is being reviewed by the House Aging and Older Adult Services committee. As a member of this legislative panel, please know that I will keep your thoughts in mind when considering HB 2216. Your comments will help in my efforts to make an informed decision that will benefit not only my constituents, but also all of Pennsylvania's senior citizens.

Again, thank you for contacting me and sharing your views. I am genuinely grateful for your input, especially given the magnitude of this important issue. As always, I am pleased to be of continued service to you and the community. If I can be of any further assistance concerning any other state issue, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,


Tom Scrimenti
State Representative

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July 19, 1995

Pat Bruno, III
Central Labor Union and
Industrial Union Council
1701 State Street
Erie, Pennsylvania 16501

Dear Pat:

Thank you for your letter regarding your opposition of House Bills 908, 929, 1154, and 1391. I have received many comments from my constituency regarding this issue and believe a significant majority was supportive of these proposals.

House Bill 929 and 1154 were signed into law on July 6, 1995. They are now Acts 33 and 36 of 1995, respectively. Act 33 provides for the escrow accounts on appeals from certain judgments by lower courts. Act 36 amends the Landlord Tenant Act to give district justices the power to adjudicate complaints filed by landlords. This law also accelerates the time period in which the tenant must quit the rental property.

House Bill 908 has passed the House of Representatives on May 1, 1995 and has been referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee. This bill would allow for the attachment of wages by the landlords.

Again, I thank you for letting me know your views. Although we differ, I hope that we do so with respect for each other's perspectives. Please know that your continued communication is always welcomed.

Sincerely,

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

Thomas J. Scrimenti
State Representative

Ehrhart, Donna

From: Scrimenti, Tom
Sent: Wednesday, May 14, 2003 4:04 PM
To: Ehrhart, Donna
Subject: FW: House Bill No. 776

-----Original Message-----

From: Diane Lines [mailto: [REDACTED] t]
Sent: Tuesday, May 13, 2003 2:51 PM
To: Scrimenti, Tom
Subject: House Bill No. 776

Good Afternoon,

I am writing to encourage you to support House Bill No. 776, which would relieve some liability from landowners who allow recreational activities on their property. Bob and I are the owners of four ATVs and a snowmobile, we are members of ATV Traction, which is an atv club based out of West Springfield, PA which encourages responsible riding. We are trying to raise our children to respect other's property and not to ride without permission, which is getting harder to do when the State Commissions want to harrass all the riders. Please consider supporting this bill, make recreational activities more accessible in OUR state so that riders don't have to travel outside of Pennsylvania and contribute to other states economy.

Bob and Diane Lines
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July 10, 2003

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Bob & Diane Lines

[REDACTED]
North East, PA 16428

Dear Bob & Diane:

Thank you for your correspondence encouraging me to support HB 776, which would provide for comparative negligence. This legislation is currently in the House Judiciary Committee.

Please know that I will take your views into consideration when and if this legislation comes before the House of Representatives for a vote.

Again, thank you for taking the time to write to me on this issue. If I can be of any further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom Scrimenti".

Thomas J. Scrimenti
State Representative

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January 26, 2004

John Luchs

[REDACTED]
North East, PA 16428

Dear Mr. Luchs: *John*

I am writing to respond to your inquiries regarding ATV operators and the current laws that apply to where they may or may not ride. I appreciate hearing from you with respect to this important matter and am pleased to respond.

In an effort to address your concerns, I reviewed various sections in Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes. Specifically, Section 7722 details the designation of snowmobile and ATV trails. This section gives the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation and local municipalities the authority to designate roads within their respective jurisdictions as a snowmobile road, an ATV road, or both. They may also determine whether a designated road shall be closed to vehicular traffic or whether snowmobiles and ATV's may share the road with vehicular traffic. In addition, local authorities must also prominently post adequate notices of such designation.

Further, Title 75, Section 7724 addresses the operation of snowmobiles and ATVs on private property. Current law prohibits operators of snowmobiles or ATVs on private property without the consent of the owner. In such instances, operators of these ATVs must stop and identify themselves upon the request of the landowner and, if requested, must promptly remove the vehicle from the premises. Section 3717, entitled "Trespass by motor vehicle," specifically details the fines, penalties and suspensions for violation of this subsection.

In addition, several legislative initiatives relating to the operation of ATVs have been introduced to the 2003-2004 Session of the Pennsylvania General Assembly. Specifically, House Bill 330, which is currently being reviewed by the House Transportation Committee, provides for the acquisition and cleanup of abandoned mine lands for use as ATV trails. Moreover, House Bill 1606, which is under consideration by the House Environmental Resources and Energy Committee, provides for the annual addition of 100 miles of trails by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources. Also, House Bill 1117, which was passed by the House and is awaiting review by the Senate Judiciary Committee, and Senate Bill 581, which was most recently tabled pending further formal action by the full House membership, both define the offense of trespassing on railroad property. Lastly, House Bill 776, which is being evaluated by the House Judiciary Committee, provides for comparative negligence for ATV operators, off-road motorcycles and snowmobiles. Please be assured that I will keep your thoughts in

John Luchs
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mind should I have the opportunity to address these legislative initiatives in the Chamber of the House of Representatives.

Please know that I very much enjoyed talking with you and, as always, look forward to being of service whenever possible. I have enclosed the aforementioned sections of Title 75 for your further review. If I may be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to call my office.

Sincerely,



Tom Scrimenti
State Representative

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