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HARRISBURG

June 20, 1989

Mr. Harris Wofford, Secretary
Department of Labor and Industry
1700 Labor and Industry Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Secretary Wofford:

I am writing to urge the establishment of a Regional Office of the Deaf and Hearing Impaired in Erie, Pennsylvania.

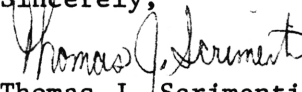
I believe that it is time that the over 80,000 deaf and hearing impaired citizens of the northwestern counties of Pennsylvania had a modern facility available to them which could provide services to meet their special needs.

The problems which face the deaf and hearing impaired citizens of this Commonwealth are numerous enough without the added burden of the unavailability of an adequate support office. Erie would be an ideal location for a regional office due to the fact that it is the largest population center in the region and that its services would be augmented by the Center for Independent Living Deaf and Hearing Impaired Services and the Erie County Council for the Hearing Impaired.

I ask that you, as a member of the advisory committee on the location of the regional offices, do all within your power to assist the deaf and hearing impaired people of northwestern Pennsylvania through your support for the establishment of an Erie Regional Office of the Deaf and Hearing Impaired.

I thank you in advance for your consideration of this issue and I would ask that you please contact me if I can be of any assistance with this matter.

Sincerely,


Thomas J. Scrimenti
4th District

TJS:tph

cc: Byron J. Moon
Gerald A. Penna

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June 6, 1989

Dear Representative Scrimenti,

We understand that Governor Casey has included funding in his 1989-90 budget to establish two (2) Regional Offices for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired.

As we are sure you are aware, we in Northwestern Pennsylvania have not received the kind of attention in this area that Pittsburgh and Philadelphia have.

Our Deaf community experiences an 85% unemployment rate. Mental Health and interpreting services are painfully lacking.

According to a research report prepared by the governor's Policy Office (8/22/88), in the thirteen (13) counties comprising Northwestern Pennsylvania there are 81,939 Hearing Impaired adults. This, obviously, is a large population that has been neglected primarily because of their inability to make their voices heard.

We have attached the names of the three (3) members of the Advisory Committee for the new State Office of the Deaf and Hearing Impaired. Your immediate intervention is essential if this committee is to be made fully aware of the tremendous unmet needs of your constituents.

Sincerely,

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Byron J. Moon II, President
Erie County Council for
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Mr. Harris Wofford
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July 7, 1989

Miss Loretta R. Baran
[REDACTED] o [REDACTED]
Erie, PA 16510

Dear Miss Baran:

Thanks so much for your letter of June 20, 1989 regarding S.B. 699. It seems to me to be an interesting and attractive idea. The bill passed the Senate unanimously late last month and is now in the House Education Committee. I have taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of your letter to Representative Ronald Cowell, Chairman of the Education Committee, with the hope that he might be able to report the bill to the full House.

Sincerely,

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

Thomas J. Scrimenti
State Representative

TJS/ldn



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August 30, 1989

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The Honorable Thomas J. Scrimenti
House of Representatives
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Dear Representative Scrimenti:

Thank you for your letter concerning the location of the Regional Office for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired. I am sorry for the delay in answering your letter but I felt compelled to hold a Regional Office Subcommittee meeting first to share your letter with all the members before I responded.

Unfortunately, I can not tell you a decision has been made regarding the locations of the first two offices. We, the members of the Regional Office Subcommittee, share your concern over the limited resources available to the Deaf people and Hard of Hearing people in the Northwest section of the Commonwealth. Similar situations exist throughout Pennsylvania for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired populations.

Although the Office for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired has a limited budget for fiscal year 1989/90 all efforts will be made to establish two offices and to provide viable services through those offices to deaf and hard of hearing people.

A decision regarding the geographic location of the Regional Offices should be made soon. I am sure Mr. Duncan will be in contact with you once the decision is finalized.

Please consider the importance of the continuation of the Office for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired and the need for continued state funding at a level allowing the Department of Labor and Industry and the Office for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired to open more Regional Offices throughout the Commonwealth. Your support is greatly needed.

Thank you again for your letter. Please feel free to contact me again if you have any questions or comments.

Sincerely,

Maryann Doud, Chairperson
Regional Office for the
Deaf and Hearing Impaired Subcommittee

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April 26, 2001

Rev. Terry Kime, Minister
Anne Marie Silva, Chairperson
Social Responsibility Committee
The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Erie
P.O. Box 3495
Erie, PA 16508-0495

Dear Reverend Kime and Chairperson Silva:

Thank you for your letter of support for Senate Bill 25, which proposes the establishment of a two-year moratorium on the death penalty in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. I appreciate hearing from you with respect to this serious and important issue, and I am pleased to have the opportunity to respond.

You have expressed your opposition to capital punishment, and I share your concerns about the need for a moratorium. Indeed, it is known that there have been innocent people that have been put to death who were wrongly accused and convicted. With the emergence of DNA testing, some of these injustices may be able to be avoided.

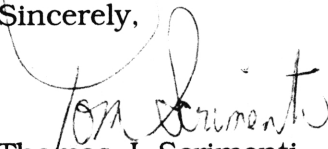
I believe that we should establish a moratorium on the death penalty until we can further study the critical issues and questions that surround the prosecution of legal cases involving the imposition of the death penalty. To highlight my concern, on April 24, I offered an amendment to Senate Bill 1, the General Appropriations bill, to provide \$326,000 to the State Police to expand the capacity of the DNA laboratories and add six additional DNA scientists. The amendment was unanimously adopted by the House.

Rev. Terry Kime
Anne Marie Silva, Chairperson
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April 26, 2001

Senate Bill 25 was introduced and referred to the Senate Judiciary Committee on January 22, 2001. To date, no further formal action has been taken on this legislation. Please know, however, that I will continue to support a moratorium on the death penalty in Pennsylvania.

If I may be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,



Thomas J. Scrimenti
State Representative

Pro Licensure - Dentists

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December 2, 1999

Dr. William Trice, DMD

[REDACTED]
Erie, PA 16501

Dear Dr. Trice:

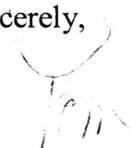
Thank you for contacting me about House Bill 1394 which provides for the licensing and registration of dentists and dental hygienists. The Professional Licensure Committee of the House is currently reviewing the bill. It is too early to predict what the final content of the legislation will be.

The major concern I have about the bill as it is currently written is that children under nine may receive anesthesia only in a 'hospital setting.' That requirement - because it implies more costly care - can cause parents to delay getting appropriate dental treatment for their children. This is especially true in more rural areas of the state where there are fewer acceptable locations.

While parents may have legitimate concerns about the safety of anesthesia for their young children, I think that a more active Dental Board could provide more appropriate reassurances.

Again, thank you for contacting me. Please contact me at any time to discuss this or any other issue of interest to you.

Sincerely,


Thomas J. Scrimenti
State Representative

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES
Rachel Carson State Office Building
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Office of Conservation and Engineering Services

The Honorable Thomas J. Scrimenti
PA House of Representatives
House Box 202020
Harrisburg, PA 17120-2020

Dear Representative Scrimenti:

I am writing to inform you that the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) will shortly be releasing a grant check for a payment from the Keystone Recreation, Park and Conservation (Key 93) Fund. The check is in the amount of \$9,450 and represents the initial payment for the project identified on the enclosed copy of the Keystone Contract Project Scope/Budget. The Project Scope/Budget enclosure also includes the name, address and telephone number of the Local Project Coordinator to whom the check will be sent.

Please feel free to take advantage of any media or check presentation opportunities offered by this grant payment. Please coordinate your plans with the Local Project Coordinator and the other Legislators that represent the project area. I have also enclosed a draft press release for your use.

If you want DCNR to be a part of a check presentation ceremony, or need additional information about this check and the Key 93 project, please contact the Director of our Bureau of Recreation and Conservation, Mr. Larry Williamson, at (717) 783-2659.

We hope you will join us in this community conservation partnership with your constituent municipality or organization. Thank you for your continued support of our Key 93 programs.

Sincerely yours,



Richard G. Sprenkle
Deputy Secretary for
Conservation and Engineering Services

Enclosure

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October 17, 1995

Mr. and Mrs. Robert B. Johnson

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North East, PA 16428

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Johnson:

Thank you for your letter describing the degradation of Sixteen Mile Creek and the unpleasant and unwholesome conditions occurring there. You are right to be upset that action addressing the root causes of the foul water and air is so long in coming.

North East, like many communities throughout the state, saw an increase in the number of homes and other facilities its sewage treatment plant services without providing for a concomitant increase in the sewage treatment plant's operating capacity. The most recent problem at the sewage treatment plant resulted both from human error and from retention on the site and in the system of more untreated and treated sewage sludge than the facility could handle. As you well know, conditions were so bad in mid-September that the facility was required to test its discharge for fecal coliform and for total suspended solids. The tests showed that the plant was operating in violation of its Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) issued discharge permits.

The factor that contributed to the plant's malfunctioning in this particular instance highlights a persistent problem for all of Pennsylvania as well as for North East. That is the disappearance of locations where surface application of treated sewage sludge is permitted. Reportedly, it was the decision of some landowners to no longer accept treated sludge from the treatment plant that led to the on site build up.

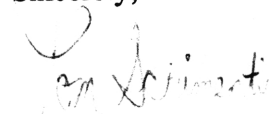
As a result of the treatment plant's violations of its DEP permit and of health code violations, the Borough of North East must make improvements to its sewage treatment plant. Likely improvements will be the purchase of more modern equipment that will reduce the bulk of processed sludge. Additionally, the plant will likely be required to increase its roster of workers and to improve their training to forestall a repeat of the

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnson
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recent disastrous conditions prevalent in August and September.

I thank you again for contacting me on this important matter. Please contact me at any time to discuss this issue or any state issue of interest to you.

Sincerely,



Thomas J. Scrimenti
State Representative

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October 16, 1995

MEMO

SUBJECT: Response to Mr. and Mrs. Johnson RE: Pollution by Sewage Waste of Creek

TO: Representative Tom Scrimenti

FROM: Helen F. Norton, Analyst, Legislative Research Office *HFN*

Attached is a response to the Johnsons who are outraged at the conditions at the sewage treatment plant in North East. Department of Environmental Protection and the Department of Health were on top of the issue. Conditions there probably have existed for some time. It's a case of a municipality not wanting to or not having the money to upgrade its infrastructure, and to some extent being dependent on fewer and fewer local farmers who are still willing to accept sludge, resulting in an operators letting some untreated or only partially treated materials out. Sometimes heavy rains will cause an overflow to occur, but the event wouldn't happen if the facility didn't have more material on site than it should have.

It's really a development issue wherein more residents generate more waste at the same time they are forcing a decrease in acceptable land application sites, coupled with an unwillingness to pay more in taxes or in rates to keep an infrastructure capable of handling greater amounts of waste. The continuing problem is that even if North East gets a better plant, it, and all other sewage treatment plants, is still left with sludge, which, despite DEP's assurances that it's clean and fine, has a bad reputation.

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August 23, 1995

Sandi Clark

[REDACTED]
Erie, PA 16509

Dear Ms. Clark:

Thank you for your letter expressing your deep concern about the effect of the present Congress on our environment. I share that concern and hope that you have contacted your Congressman and federal Senators to let them know how you feel.

Many state environmental laws must conform to federal law. For example, our clean water laws must at least be as stringent as federal laws. The Congress, supposedly in response to American taxpayers, are intent on dismantling government and the regulatory process through which laws are enforced. On the one hand, legislation is introduced that weakens existing regulation, and on the other, cuts in appropriations require agencies to cut staff. Both lines of attack result in the nonenforcement of laws.

Pennsylvania is also seeing some changes in the way environmental laws will be enforced. In response to a perceived need to trim agency budgets and to make the agency more user friendly, the Department of Environmental Protection, in developing new regulations, is delegating some permitting and enforcement activities to County Conservation Districts. We must watch the results of these activities over time to get a true picture of whether, and how, they affect the welfare of our environment.

Thank you for sharing your thoughts with me. Again, please contact your representatives to the United States Congress, as well. Do not hesitate to contact my office at any time to discuss issues of interest to you.

Sincerely,

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

Thomas J. Scrimenti
State Legislator

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