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July 2, 2001

Maureen Koseff

[REDACTED]
Erie, Pa. 16511

Dear Maureen:

Thank you for your letter regarding efforts to outlaw intimidation based on sexual orientation and gender identity. I enjoyed speaking with you at Monsignor Sperry's 60th anniversary celebration. You are to be commended for your commitment to ending discrimination against all Americans. I appreciate you taking the time to contact me regarding this important issue.

House Bill 1493, was amended by the Senate to include changes to the Ethnic Intimidation Act. The bill now includes protections based on sexual orientation and gender identity. It passed the Senate on June 21 and was referred back to the House Rules Committee.

I am also very concerned about the rising epidemic of intimidation and harassment. I cannot think of anything more repugnant or un-American than the fact that people are being discriminated against because of who they are. While I am not a member of the House Committee on Rules, I will be sure to keep your thoughts and considerations in mind when, and if, this matter comes before the full House.

Once again, thank you for your letter. If I can be of any further assistance regarding this or any other matter please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Scrimenti
State Representative

Ehrhart, Donna

From: Ehrhart, Donna
Sent: Monday, December 10, 2001 3:52 PM
To: [REDACTED]

Mr. Babo:

In response to your recent email concerning driving lights be turned on when windshield wipers are being used, I am enclosing a copy of Senate Bill 162 for your perusal. This bill was introduced in the General Assembly, unfortunately, to date, it hasn't seen any advances.

Please feel free to contact me in the future if you have any further concerns.

Rep. Thomas J. Scrimenti

Donna Ehrhart

Scrimenti, Tom

From: Doug Babo [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, November 26, 2001 8:38 AM
To: Scrimenti, Tom

Representative Scrimenti,

I grew up in Ripley, New York & moved to North East 3 years ago so my kids could attend North East High School. I've been employed with the The Electric Materials Company for 27 years & am currently serving as Mgr - Business Development.

While living in Ripley & shortly before moving to North East, New York State passed a law requiring that whenever a motorist had to use their windshield wipers their headlights must be turned on. It took some time to remember to do that, but everytime now that it begins to rain or snow I turn my lights on.

I believe that this is a very good law as it provides increased visiblity to others when driving and will prevent accidents. I would encourage you to check out the New York legislation & consider sponsoring a bill that would require driving lights to be turned on when windshield wipers are being used.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

God bless,
Douglas Babo
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May 20, 1992

Mr. Stanley M. Janikowski
President
Erie County Diabetes Association
1567 West 38th Street, Suite 20
Erie, PA 16508

Dear Mr. Janikowski:

Thank you for your recent letter in which you expressed your concern for the fate of the Health Care Cost Containment Council. As you mentioned, the Governor has asked that the health care data collection function of the Council be moved to the Pennsylvania Department of Insurance. Governor Casey claims this will streamline this function, costing the state less. However, he recently agreed to increase the Council's budget from \$900,000 to \$2 million, arguing that this will allow the expansion of the comparative data program to include reports of outpatient and physician services. The Council, on the other hand, claims it needs \$3.4 million to perform all of the functions the law mandates it to perform.

I certainly do not want any of the Council's many functions to be curtailed by the Governor's proposal. According to Ernest Sessa, the executive director of the Council, the average amount of money the Council has spent every year is approximately \$2.5 million. The legislature will have to determine whether or not it wants the Council to become enveloped by the Department of Insurance. Just as important, however, is the number of dollars that should be appropriated in order to perform these important functions.

I will certainly keep your views in mind as the legislature discusses this issue. I thank you again for contacting my office and for sharing your opinions with me.

Sincerely,

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

Thomas J. Scrimenti
State Representative

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MAY 15 1992

The Honorable Tom Scrimenti
c/o House P.O.
State Capitol Building
Harrisburg, Pa. 17120

Dear Representative Scrimenti,

I am today asking you to support the Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council on behalf of the Erie County Diabetes Association and its members. We are gravely concerned that health care costs will continue to escalate and believe the Council provides us with the information we need to both contain costs and improve the health of our members.

We believe that investing \$3.4 million in the Council is the best investment you can make for the Commonwealth, its businesses and its citizens. The Council was developed with the involvement of all affected parties at the table. It has met regularly for the past five and one half years with these groups working together to contain costs and improve the quality of our health care delivery system.

Do you support full funding for the Council? Do you support maintaining the Council as an independent agency free from the bureaucracy of the Insurance Department? I would appreciate a response to these two questions and any other thoughts you might want to share with us.

We believe that the Council and its information is the absolute key to achieving a private sector solution to the health care crisis in Pennsylvania. We must have this information and we must continue to have a voice in an independent Health Care Cost Containment Council.

Thank you for your time and attention. I look forward to receiving your response in the near future.

Sincerely,

Stanley M. Janikowski

Stanley M. Janikowski, President
Erie County Diabetes Association

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June 11, 1992

Richard H. Kuhn, M.D.
Program Director
Saint Vincent Family Practice
Residency Program
232 West 25th Street
Erie, PA 16544

Dear Dr. Kuhn:

Thank you for your letter regarding the need for more health care practitioners, primarily physicians, in Pennsylvania. For the past several years, the General Assembly has been studying the shortage of nurses in the state and physicians in very needy parts of the state, inner cities and rural areas for example.

I agree that a major area of cost containment in the health care industry comes through preventative treatment. If people have access to medical care, ailments can be treated at earlier stages with improved rates of recovery. Too many people delay treatment until the situation becomes critical, increasing the chances of serious complications and reducing the rate of recovery. The costs of treatment rise dramatically due to the seriousness of the illness and the extended period of recovery.

Both the Governor's budget and the House Democratic budget (which passed the House on May 19, 1992, with my support) included substantial funding increases to loan forgiveness and incentives for health care and family practice workers. The Health Care Loan Forgiveness and the Family Practice Incentive Program line-items were consolidated into the Family Practice and Health Loan Forgiveness program. An additional \$2,250,000 was appropriated under the House Democratic proposal for a total of \$3,000,000. I believe that we have demonstrated our commitment to quality and accessible health care despite the current budget restraints.

Although the \$3,000,000 appropriation is not the \$8,000,000 you requested, it is my sincere belief that these funds will be well-utilized. If I can be of any assistance to you in the future, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas J. Scrimenti".

Thomas J. Scrimenti
State Representative

Saint Vincent
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May 28, 1992

Honorable Thomas J. Scrimenti
House of Representatives
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Representative Scrimenti:

On behalf of the Pennsylvania Academy of Family Physicians and its 3,400 members across the Commonwealth and as a director of a Family Practice Residency Program, I am writing to request your support for dramatic increases in the numbers of family physicians serving Pennsylvanians.

Specifically, I ask that you insert family practice "incentives" into the House budget, preferably in the amount of \$8 million. These "incentives" are, in part, contained in the Governor's proposed budget for the Department of Health, as well as Republican-sponsored legislation in the Senate and House. Family Practice "incentives" are designed to change the types of students graduating from Pennsylvania's eight medical schools. While they may seem relatively small compared to many other budget items, investing in more family physicians will contain costs of health care, as well as increase access to services and maintain high standards of quality care for our patients.

Pennsylvania suffers a rapidly worsening shortage of family physicians at a time when access to care and cost containment are emerging as major election year issues across the nation. Pennsylvania, by supporting incentives to place the most broadly trained, cost-effective physician at the center of our current and future health care delivery system, can set a national standard for health reform by insisting that Pennsylvania's physicians be responsible to the needs of our communities.

For the improved health of Pennsylvanians, I urge you to aggressively pursue these family practice incentives, many of which were initiated by Senator Peterson several years ago.



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James F. Aquilino, M.D.
Associate Director

Richard L. Cogley, M.D.
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Because of Senator Peterson's efforts, these initiatives have reached across the aisle and developed bi-partisan support from rural and inner-city legislators.

Thank you for considering this important request.

Sincerely,

FAMILY PRACTICE RESIDENCY PROGRAM

Richard H. Kuhn, M.D.

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June 21, 1990

Mr. Robert L. Wise, President
Penelec GPU
Pennsylvania Electric Company
1001 Broad Street
Johnstown, PA 15907

Dear Mr. Wise: *Bob -*

Thank you for your recent letter in support of the Health Care Cost Containment Council.

In 1986 the Pennsylvania General Assembly chose a free market approach to contain health care costs in place of one of regulation. The framers of this legislation realized that this would be a difficult and time consuming task and allowed a five year time period for this process to take place. Some of the council's accomplishments during this period would include the implementation of a format for all health care providers and health care insurers to use in reporting data and the formulation of rules and regulations to collect and to protect the confidentiality of data.

In addition, the council conducted a 17 month study including 11 statewide hearings on problems of access to care for the medically indigent and submitted a report and follow-up studies to the Governor and the Legislature.

As you are aware, there is legislation before the Senate which would abolish the Health Care Cost Containment Council. The council's detractors cite what they claim as its (the council's) ineffective governance structure of the council itself.

Senate Bill 1519 was referred to the Public Health and Welfare Committee on March 15, 1990.

Mr. Robert L. Wise, President
Page 2
June 21, 1990

This is an issue which I will be watching very carefully. I appreciate your thoughtful comments and suggestions and will keep them in mind as this legislation comes before the House of Representatives. Please continue to keep me informed. If I may be of further assistance on this matter or help in any way, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

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

Tom Scrimenti
State Representative

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R. L. Wise
President

June 5, 1990

The Honorable Thomas J. Scrimenti
Pennsylvania House of Representatives
Room 103 South Office Building
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120-0028

Dear Representative Scrimenti: Tom -

Subject: Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council

One of the most serious problems facing business today is the cost of providing health care benefits to employees and retirees. The rate of inflation for services provided by physicians and hospitals has been significantly above the rate of increases in the Consumer Price Index in recent years. In fact, the total cost of health care in this country has risen from approximately \$70 billion in 1970 to nearly \$650 billion in 1989. Continuing double-digit inflation for health care is projected for the foreseeable future.

Businesses across Pennsylvania are facing some very difficult decisions on how to handle this increasing liability. It is likely that a trend toward higher deductibles, fewer benefits and greater levels of cost-sharing for insurance premiums will become the norm. There are no easy answers to this dilemma and any solution will be the result of all of us doing what we can to reduce costs.

In 1986, the Legislature created the Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council (HCCCC). This Council was charged with creating a data base to provide health care users with important information on the quality and cost of various health care services provided by hospitals and clinics throughout the State.

I believe that one part of the solution will be for all users of the health care system to be more discriminating in choosing the services they need and what they are willing to pay for them.

I have seen the initial booklets published by the HCCCC for hospitals in Allegheny County, the Lehigh Valley and the Harrisburg area. The data is presented clearly and leaves no doubt concerning which hospitals are providing services at lowest cost and with acceptable or commendable quality. It is my understanding that the HCCCC will complete similar booklets for the balance of the State by March of 1991.

As in any program which sets out to perform a difficult task, some of the data may be incomplete or may contain some inaccuracies. However, since the automated data gathering network has been created, it is clear that future editions of the reports will be more and more accurate and meaningful to the business community and their employees.

I've recently learned that there is a movement in Harrisburg (S.B. 1519) which would abolish the HCCCC. I'm writing to ask that you use your influence and cast your vote in a manner that the HCCCC is preserved, properly funded and able to complete its work as originally intended. Getting control of the high cost of health care is going to be the result of many people doing many things to attack the problem. As a businessman, I can think of few activities that are more important than providing a "consumer guide" for people who use the health care delivery system so that they can make informed judgments on where they seek medical help and how much they pay for it.

Please use your influence to retain and support the HCCCC as it completes its mission. The stakes are too high to allow a few special interest groups to derail the process which has been started.

Sincerely,

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

R. L. Wise

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June 24, 2002

Paul and Joyce Vallimont

[REDACTED]
Erie, PA 16509

Dear Mr. And Mrs. Vallimont:

Paul & Joyce

Thank you very much for contacting me regarding your opposition to House Bill 2347. As your state representative, I appreciate the time you have taken to contact me regarding this very important issue.

As you are aware, House Bill 2347 would direct the Department of Public Welfare (DPW) to resolve the shortage of appropriate and accessible dental care services for individuals receiving services through county mental retardation programs and those receiving Medical Assistance. On May 6, 2002, my colleagues in the House of Representatives and I voted in favor of House Bill 2347. At the time, my colleagues and I believed that this legislation was a step in the right direction for individuals with mental retardation. Nevertheless, I agree with you that additional aspects of this important issue need to be evaluated. At this writing, House Bill 2347 is being reviewed by the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee.

As you know, providing proper community-based dental care is an issue that affects many in the disabled community. I sympathize with your family and the many obstacles you face every day. I applaud your advocacy for the fair and just treatment of individuals with mental retardation. Please be assured that I recognize your concern for the care and accessibility of care provided to your child. As such, your thoughts on this matter will be remembered and respected should the House of Representatives have an opportunity to revisit this issue.

Once again, thank you for your letter regarding this worthy issue. I wish your family the best of luck in all of your pursuits. If I can be of any further assistance with this, or any other matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom".

Thomas J. Scrimenti
State Representative

Scrimenti, Tom

From: Paul Vallimont [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 05, 2002 5:18 PM
To: Scrimenti, Tom
Subject: HB2347

Paul Vallimont
[REDACTED]
Erie, PA 16509

June 5, 2002

The Honorable Thomas J. Scrimenti
324 Main Capitol, Box 202020
Harrisburg, PA 17120-2020

Dear Rep. Scrimenti:

As the parent of a MR child, I do not support HB2347 in its present form. Since you have expressed interest in the handicapped in the past, I feel that this bill is not in the best interest of my child and the rest of the disabled community. Please refer to the ARC of Pa and ARC of USA suggestions in the matter. It is important to me that Proper Community based Dental is available. Thank you for your further research in this.

Sincerely,

Paul and Joyce Vallimont

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October 13, 1993

Mary Ellen Jones

[REDACTED]
Corry, PA16407

Dear Mary Ellen:

Thank you very much for taking the time to write to me about your concerns in maintaining your health coverage for you and your husband. In an effort to be of assistance, I had my research staff look into the various options that could be available to you.

First, I would suggest that your husband contact his former employer to see if continued benefits coverage is available. In some cases, the former employee can enroll in continued insurance coverage at a cheaper group rate, rather than an individual rate.

Secondly, you may be eligible for Medical Assistance. The Erie County Office of Assistance can determine eligibility and also provide information on other options and programs for the unemployed. The Corry Office phone numbers are 664-8644 or 1-800-635-1014.

And lastly, you indicated that you had pre-existing health conditions. Depending upon the pre-existing condition, you may be eligible for partial or full disability benefits. The Erie Social Security Administration can assist you in determining eligibility. Their number is 452-6696.

Unfortunately, your situation is quite common with others. In the past few months, I have received numerous questions and concerns from persons who have little or no health care insurance. President Clinton's recent health care reform plan has stimulated debate on health care reform. At every opportunity I have a chance to meet with people, I am repeatedly asked about what can be done to improve our health care system.

The General Assembly is in the beginning stages of addressing this issue. The House has already introduced the following health care bills: small business health insurance, cost control and consumer protection measures, affordability to poor families, accessibility in rural and medically underserved areas, managed care networks, single payer health care insurance, plus many other initiatives.

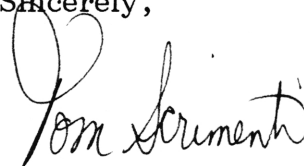
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Mary Ellen Jones
October 12, 1993

It is worth noting that HB1958, the Governor's proposed Health Security Law, would establish a statewide health insurance system. This legislation is one of the many worthy and well thought proposals pending before the House. I have enclosed a copy of HB1958 for your perusal. As you will note, one of the intentions of this legislation is to guarantee access to each Pennsylvanian regardless of a change in or loss of their job. Also, I thought section 1911 which would establish the Health Security for Unemployed Pennsylvanians Program would be of interest to you. This legislation is being reviewed by the House Health and Welfare Committee.

Currently, the House Health and Welfare Committee is holding public input hearings on the various health care plans. This is a final series of public hearings that is expected to be completed by the end of this month. Eventually, this testimony will result in legislative action. As of this writing, I am reviewing HB1958, the various other proposed health care plans as well as the recommendations and comments presented to the Committee. You can be assured that I will remember you and your husband's situation as health care reform is deliberated in the General Assembly.

I sincerely hope this information is helpful. If in the coming weeks, you should have any questions or further require my assistance, please do not hesitate to write or call me.

Sincerely,



Thomas J. Scrimenti
State Representative

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Mr. David J. Billingsley
Personal Investment Services, Inc.
10 Wattsburg Street
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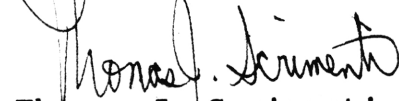
Dear Mr. Billingsley:

This letter is in response to your recent correspondence regarding managed health care.

While there are many facets involved with addressing soaring medical costs, the special needs of small businesses will certainly be considered if and when legislation on this subject is brought before the General Assembly. One key objection that continues to be raised with regard to health care reform and one that you raise in your letter, is that our citizens must be able to select the physician of their choice. I believe such concerns and objections will be incorporated into any legislation that may be considered for enactment.

Again, thank you for your correspondence. If I may be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,


Thomas J. Scrimenti
State Representative

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July 21, 1993

The Honorable Thomas Scrimenti
House Po.Box 96
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RE: Healthcare Reform Initiatives

Dear Rep. Scrimenti,

I am writing to ask that you do not support any mandated health care plans such as Governor Casey's plan. Programs like these are unfair to small businesses that cannot afford to offer their employees insurance. The Commonwealth should not be allowed to dictate who the insurance carrier is, what is covered and what is not.

I also strongly oppose any Managed Care Programs that do not allow for all Companies to participate, and that have "Primary Care Physician Gate Keepers". This would be a gross violation of our freedom to choose our Doctors, Hospitals, & Insurance carriers.

Our current Health Care Delivery system has provided the highest level of care in the world. There is no need to fix what is not broken.

As usual, I will look forward to your prompt reply. Thanks for letting me get this off my chest.

Very truly yours,

DAVID J BILLINGSLEY
10 Wattsburg St.
Union City, Pa. 16438

PS: Please sponsor the repeal of the 2% Annuity Tax. Why are we penalizing people that want to save money?

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November 17, 1997

W. Keith Parrish, District 14 Director
Pennsylvania Chiropractic Association
Cedar Crest Chiropractic Centre
4932 Iroquois Avenue
Erie, PA 16511

Dear Mr. Parrish: - *Keith*

Thank for you recent letter regarding Senator Corman's proposed amendment to Senate Bill 100. Your thoughts are welcomed and valued. I hope you will continue to contact me with your insights.

Senator Corman's amendment would allow an enrollee in a managed care plan the right to chose a non-participating provider for covered health care services. If the enrollee does chose a non-participating provider, the managed care plan shall reimburse the enrollee at a rate to at least eighty-percent of the payment the plan would have paid.

The House does not have the opportunity to vote on individual Senate amendments to bills. If the amendment is inserted in committee or passed by the Senate, it will be included in Senate Bill 100. If the Senate passes the bill, it will be brought before the House for consideration.

Senate Bill was referred to the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee on February 25, 1997. The bill must be reported out of committee before it is considered by the Senate or the House. If you haven't already, you may want to contact the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee Chairman:

Honorable Harold F. Mowery, Jr.
Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee
169 Main Capitol Building
Pennsylvania Senate
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Please be assured that I will take your thoughts into consideration when, and if, Senate Bill 100 is brought before the House for consideration. If you have questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

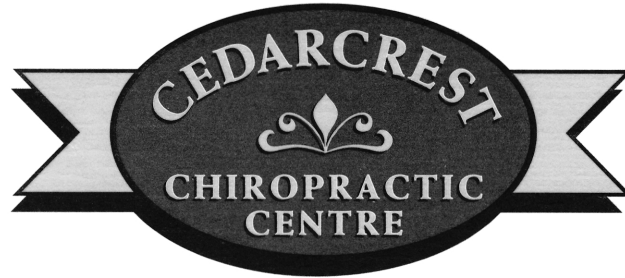
Sincerely,

Thomas J. Scrimenti
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State Representative

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Representative Thomas Scrimenti
House Post Office Box 202020
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

Re: Senator Corman's Amendment to SB100

Dear Tom:

At this time, **may I urge you to support Senator Corman's amendment to SB100.**

Patients must be afforded the opportunity to access non-network providers. It is one thing for managed care organizations to design their programs to be profitable. It is entirely another for them to prohibit patient access to quality doctors.

Originally, managed care was touted as a cost-containment measure. Today, it controls **which doctors** can deliver health care, **how many visits** they can provide, **what procedures** they can use, and **how much they can be paid**. And these same managed care organizations can set up satellite facilities to render health care and compete with other doctors. Is this not a conflict of interest?

Doctors are not able to provide services in a facility where they have a financial interest! Yet, managed care groups can.

Tom, please support Senator Corman's Amendment to SB100.

Very truly yours,

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December 18, 2002

Greg Cancilla

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Dear Mr. Cancilla:

Thank you for your correspondence concerning the rising costs of health insurance. As you may know, I always appreciate the opportunity to assist my constituents whenever possible.

I understand your concern about the increasing cost of health insurance. These rising costs have a significant effect on all Pennsylvanians. I was the prime sponsor of legislation (House Bill 1150) in the 2001-2002 session that would have required the issuance of affordable health insurance for small businesses. I feel that this was a necessary piece of legislation to protect Pennsylvania's small business owners and I plan to reintroduce a similar bill next session.

Additionally, the Pennsylvania Democrats feel that something should be done to curb the steady increase of health insurance premiums. The House Democrats have established the Blueprint for Pennsylvania, which will address many of Pennsylvanians concerns, especially health care. One of the main focuses of this blueprint is to create legislation that will expand health care relief. Should any legislation concerning health insurance come before the full House of Representatives, please be assured that I will take your concerns into consideration before casting my vote.

Again, thank you for your e-mail. If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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

Thomas J. Scrimenti
State Representative

Scrimenti, Tom

From: GregC [REDACTED]**Sent:** Monday, October 28, 2002 7:24**To:** Scrimenti, Tom**Subject:** health insurance

Come on now. You're my representative. If no one is willing to take on the big health insurance providers then lets get rid of all of you and start again. I just got the news that my health insurance from Blue Cross is going up 70%. YES 70%!!!! Not only is that hurting me, but how many small businesses are going to loose employees and possibly go out of business because of this. One gentleman's insurance is going from \$746.00 to \$1298.00. We hear about the battles going on in the house over health care...quit fighting and do something about it. How much do you and your colleagues pay for insurance? I'm considering, with this price hike, of going without. Right now, I'd save money going without. But god forgive something happens to me. What is congress afraid of when it comes to health care providers? Millions of Americans go without insurance, yet Blue Cross can raise it 70%. Who's wallets are getting fattened by Blue Cross. It's simply obscene what they can get away with. I know one thing. After the news I got today, I will seriously look at the actions and voting records of all politicians when it comes to healthcare. No more funding to politicians from health care providers...it's bribery and should be considered illegal. I will vote one more time for you because I know you and you hung out with my brother. But if someone doesn't take action against a company that has 600 employees and 1.7 million dollars in reserve that they don't have to report, everyone needs to go. I got a raise this week, but I found out today that my paycheck is going to be lighter because it's all going to my health insurance and plus some. I guess that celebration this weekend at the Pittsburgh Inn is off. I'm moving to Canada, affordable health insurance, no terrorism and women are aloud to go topless.

Greg Cancilla

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