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March 23, 1999

Mr. James Turner

[REDACTED]  
Wattsburg, Pa 16442

Dear Mr. Turner:

Thank you for your recent letter expressing your support for the Northeast Dairy Compact Bill. This is certainly an important issue that greatly affects Pennsylvania's family farmers.

I believe that enactment of the dairy compact would assure consumers of an adequate local supply of fresh milk while maintaining the viability of dairy farming in the compact region. For these reasons, I prime sponsored House Bill 193 which calls for the enactment of the Northeast Interstate Dairy Compact thus allowing Pennsylvania to join New York, New Jersey, and Maryland, as well as six New England states in controlling the volatility of milk prices.

Recently, on March 17, 1999, the Pennsylvania Senate Agricultural and Rural Affairs Committee voted Senate Bill 365 out of committee where the full Senate will soon consider it. Senate Bill 365 would enable the state to join the compact and has strong bipartisan support. Please know that I am supportive of this issue, and will support legislation that creates the compact as long as the family farmer is protected.

Once again, thank you for contacting me regarding this important agricultural issue. If I may be of further assistance with this, or any other issue, please contact my office.

Sincerely,

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Tom Scrimenti  
State Representative

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10263 Jamestown Road  
Wattsburg, PA 16442

March 9, 1999

The Honorable Tom Scrimenti  
25B East Wing  
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Dear Representative Scrimenti:

I am writing to ask for your vote to pass the Northeast Dairy Compact Bill in Pennsylvania.

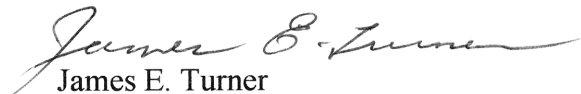
I am a dairy farmer and have been farming for thirty years. The economic impact of the Pennsylvania dairy industry is huge. Not only will the passing of the Compact affect the dairy farmer, but rural businesses, manufacturing plants and the economy of the state of Pennsylvania will also be affected.

The price Pennsylvania dairy farmers receive for bottled milk sales should not be determined by the price of cheese in the Midwest and California. The Compact will set a safety-net price for Class I (bottled-fluid) milk based on the cost of production in the Northeast and the supply and demand characteristics of the region.

We need your vote to include Pennsylvania on the list of Compact states, not only for the economy of Pennsylvania, but to maintain the viability of dairy farming in Pennsylvania and assure consumers of an adequate local supply of fresh milk.

Thank you for your vote!

Sincerely,

  
James E. Turner

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October 20, 1997

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Ms. Charlene J. Napierkowski  
Notary Public  
5149 Henderson Lot 47  
Crystal Court Park  
Erie, PA 16509

Dear Charlene:

Thank you for writing to me regarding House Bill 1772.

As you may know, House Bill 1772 was referred to the House Transportation Committee on September 23, 1997. Please know that should this legislation come before the House for a vote, I will most certainly keep your thoughts in mind. Your insight on this matter will assist me in the ever-important decision making process.

Again, thank you for sharing your views with me. If there is anything else I may do for you with this or any other matter, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,

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Thomas J. Scrimenti  
State Representative

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*Charlene J. Napierkowski*

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Rep Thomas Scrimenti  
Harrisburg, Pa.

October 8, 1997

Dear Tom;

I am writing to you to ask you to vote yes for House Bill 1772.  
I have written you several letters, about this matter, and your  
responce has been very supportive. Please take this responsibil-  
ity off of us Notaries. Like I stated in my past letters, our  
job is to witness signatures, not check on values of vehicles.

Sincerely;

  
Charlene J. Napierkowski

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May 21, 2003

Donald Vallimont

[REDACTED]  
Erie, PA 16510

Dear Mr. Vallimont:

Thank you for taking the time to contact me and inform me of your concerns regarding House Bill 933. I appreciate learning about issues that are important to my constituents. Please be assured that your views are always welcome and are respected.

As proven by my legislative record, I am committed to helping the residents of Erie County and our Commonwealth. With that in mind, House Bill 933, which was referred to the House Finance Committee on March 19, 2003, is designed to amend the Tax Reform Code of 1971 to provide for a sales and use tax discount for motor vehicle registered dealers. Although I am not a member of the House Finance Committee, please know that I look forward to reviewing the legislation once it is presented before me for a full House vote.

Once again, thank you for contacting my office and informing me of your concern. If I can be of any further assistance with this, or any other matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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July 15, 1993

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Ms. Darlene Spinks

Erie, PA 16511

Dear Ms. Spinks:

After your visit to my outreach office in February, I have been deeply concerned about your problems of not being notified of termination of your health insurance benefits. Since then, I have researched and investigated every avenue I could possibly think of for a permanent solution to rectify this problem.

Unfortunately, because of complexities with insurance laws and some loopholes in our national insurance policies, I could not come up with any real solution. Of course, there are always band-aid cures but nothing to really get at the heart of the matter.

For example, there are provisions in the COBRA (Congressional Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act) law that provide for notification; however, not all insurance companies have to participate in the program. Then there is ERISA (Employment Retirement Income and Security Act). Under this federal law, companies that pay for their own insurance plans by having in-house programs that are exempt from state insurance regulations.

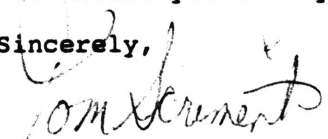
I have included a copy of an article that appeared Saturday, June 5, 1993, in The Philadelphia Inquirer, that describes some of the difficulties in correcting this health insurance problem.

In Pennsylvania, we are making some small gains in this area. For example, a bill was signed into law (Act 114) in December of 1992 that gives the courts power to order separated or divorced parents to provide health insurance for their children.

In addition, the law requires insurers to communicate with the custodial parents of children listed as dependents on subscriber contracts. Once the custodial parent has provided the insurer with a court order, the insurer must pay any claims to the custodial parent and provide him or her with copies of benefit booklets, insurance contracts and claim information.

If you have any questions regarding this or any other matter, please contact me or my staff. We would be happy to assist you in any way possible.

Sincerely,

  
Thomas J. Scrimenti  
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February 23, 1993

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POLICY

Mr. Scott Casper, Director  
Legislative Development  
Room 612 C  
Main Capitol Building  
Harrisburg, PA. 17120

Dear Scott:

I am interested in developing a legislative proposal that would require an employer or an insurance carrier to have to notify all dependents whenever there is a change, especially a termination in their insurance benefits.

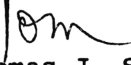
Some situations can work to place unsuspecting family members in a difficult if not precarious financial position when the termination of health care benefits is not communicated from one spouse to another. Take this case for example. A recently divorced head of household is released or terminated from his job because of alcoholism. Inasmuch as non communication between spouses prevails in situations like this, the subscriber was not responsible, and failed to notify the group leader or the insurance representative in the company where he was working that his health insurance benefits were terminated.

It is my contention that the employer was in a better position than anyone else to apprise this situation and to notify the former wife that her health insurance was terminated. The employer knew that the worker had dependents, was unstable at work and should have acted to provide sufficient and timely notification to the wife so that she could have exercised the option to obtain a conversion policy. In this instance a child was injured or became ill and had to be taken to the hospital. The woman was notified that her insurance had expired and was left with the responsibility of paying half the hospital bills with her own resources, as a support agreement made the father responsible for the other half.

I was told that it is the subscribers (insured) responsibility to notify the group employer of his intent to terminate his wife or others from his insurance.....but as you can see from the case which I presented, it doesn't always work that way.

I will be happy to see what can be developed to prevent this kind of situation from happening again.

Sincerely,

  
Thomas J. Scrimenti  
State Representative

cc: Ms. Darlene Spinks  
TJS/lj



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August 23, 2001

Stacy Perry, RN, Case Manager

[REDACTED]  
Erie, PA 16509

Dear Ms. Perry:

Thank you for sharing with me your concerns regarding the nursing shortage in Pennsylvania. Given your position and experience, your insight is greatly appreciated. As a state representative, I value the opportunity to be of service to you.

In Pennsylvania and across the nation there is a critical shortage of high quality health care professionals – nurses, home health aides, certified nursing assistants, and personal care attendants. Legislators across the country are introducing measures aimed at drawing students into nursing and bringing back those who have left nursing for more lucrative – and less stressful – work.

During this legislative session, the Pennsylvania General Assembly has introduced several different measures aimed at curbing the nursing shortage facing the Commonwealth. As you know, the passage of House Resolution 26 has allowed the House Professional Licensure Committee to investigate and conduct public hearings relating to the shortage of licensed health care professionals and other health care practitioners. The committee will conduct this study and report to the House of Representatives findings and recommendations to solve this growing problem.

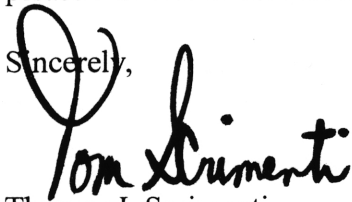
As you may know, House Bill 2, the Tobacco Settlement, was passed in the General Assembly on June 21 and signed into law by Governor Ridge on June 26. This legislation established the Pennsylvania Medical Education Loan Assistance Program. The medical education loan assistance program includes two programs – Pennsylvania Medical Education Loan Assistance Program (\$5million) and a Loan Forgiveness Program for nursing school applicants (\$3 million). The nursing loan forgiveness program is a step in the right direction to insure that all Pennsylvanians will have higher quality medical treatment, and hopefully ease the burden of those nurses already practicing within the Commonwealth.

Helping the health care industry provide high quality and enhanced patient care delivery as well as patient and health care professional satisfaction is extremely important. Legislation has been introduced in the Senate to address staffing levels in long-term care nursing homes and hospitals in order to ensure the health and safety of nursing home residents and employees and increase wages, benefits, or recruitment of direct care staff.

As I hope you know and as proven by my record, I will continue to support legislation that will ease the nursing shortage throughout the Commonwealth and ensure high quality health care services to the citizens of this great state.

Again, thank you for sharing with me your concerns. As always, your input is welcomed and appreciated. Should you require any further assistance with this or any other issue, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,

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August 20, 2003

Renee C. Adamowicz RNFA

████████████████████  
Erie, PA 16511

Dear Ms. Adamowicz:

Thank you for your letter requesting my support of legislation that will be introduced by Representative Linda Bebko-Jones that amends the Insurance Company Law of 1921 to provide for third party reimbursement for services rendered by registered nurse first assistants.

I am pleased to inform you that I have had my name added as a co-sponsor of this legislation.

Again, thank you for contacting me and sharing your views. If I can be of any further assistance concerning any other state issue, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,  
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