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December 4, 2002

Ms. Jennifer L. Jandt

████████████████████  
Erie, PA 16511

Dear Ms. Jandt:

Thank you for contacting me regarding your concern about House Bill 2667. As always, I appreciate hearing from my constituents on issues important to them and to the Commonwealth.

As you may know, there are thousands of bills introduced each year in the House of Representatives and the Senate but very few become law.

November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2002 marked the close of the 2001-2002 legislative session. As each legislative session ends any legislation that has not been passed by both the House of Representatives and the Senate officially dies and must be re-introduced in the following legislative session to receive future consideration. Unfortunately, as the 2001-2002 session comes to an end so do those bills, which have not been enacted by the last day of November.

As we kick off the new legislative session in January of 2003, please be assured that I will keep your interests in mind should this legislative issue be considered by the House of Representatives. Again, I appreciate you taking the time to contact me and I look forward to assisting you in the 2003-2004 legislative session.

Sincerely,

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

Thomas J. Scrimenti  
State Representative  
4<sup>th</sup> Legislative District

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Hon. Tom Scrimenti  
25B East Wing  
Harrisburg, PA 17120-2020

Re: House Bill No. 2667 Session of 2002

Rep. *Tom Scrimenti,*

As your constituent, I am asking that you support a bill, H.B. 2667, which is important to the occupational therapy profession.

As you may know, occupational therapy is a Pennsylvania-licensed rehabilitation profession. Occupational therapists work with individuals who have a disease or impairment, which interferes with their ability to function independently in daily life roles and occupations. Some examples of our clients include: individuals who have experienced a stroke, traumatic brain injury, spinal cord injury, joint replacements, arthritis, carpal tunnel syndrome, and injuries to the hands, arms, and shoulders. Occupational therapy has also been found to be a cost-effective means of improving the health status of many individuals.

Occupational therapy is currently not included under the definition of "health service doctor," "professional health services," and "general medical service corporations" in the Professional Health Service Corporation Act. This means that Pennsylvania citizens who are covered by Blue Cross/Blue Shield plans have limited access to occupational therapy. Occupational therapy was omitted from the Act because it became a Pennsylvania-licensed profession after the law was enacted. Unfortunately, this omission has allowed some companies, such as Highmark, which extends its policies to commercial health plans not organized under the Act, to deny necessary occupational therapy services.

Adding occupational therapy to the Professional Health Service Corporation Act will simply allow insurance coverage of occupational therapy services, not mandate it. Precedent exists for amending the Act. Chiropractors were added in 1980, physical therapists were added in 1982, and speech language pathologists were added in 1994. The New York Legislature recently added occupational therapy to their equivalent of the Act.

As an occupational therapy practitioner, I have seen the value of the services that I provide. Occupational therapy enables individuals to function more independently - preventing further injury, relapse, and dependence on caretakers. Excluding some individuals from receiving needed occupational therapy services, is a detriment to the health of Pennsylvania.

Please support House Bill No. 2667 Session of 2002 which will correct this omission. If you would like more information, or have any questions, please contact the Pennsylvania Occupational Therapy Association at: [admin@pota.org](mailto:admin@pota.org), or 1-800-UR1-pota. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

*Jennifer L. Jandt-Geyer, OTR/L*  


*Erie, Pa 16571*

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November 18, 1998

Sandra Clark

[REDACTED]  
Erie, PA 16509

Dear Ms. Clark:

Thank you for your letter opposing stadium funding. Your thoughts are welcomed and valued, and I hope you will continue to contact me with your insights.

I am truly sorry that you lost your job when your boss retired, and that you are unable to find employment within a similar pay range. Drastic changes in the health care industry have certainly made it difficult for medical professionals like you. I can certainly understand your frustration.

Stadium funding has been an issue of great debate in recent months. Some say that new stadium construction will produce wide-ranging economic benefits and keep teams like the Steelers and Phillies in Pennsylvania, while others argue that the public should not be supporting wealthy owners and highly paid athletes.

As you may know, Governor Ridge wants the legislature to raise the state's debt ceiling by \$500 million, which means the state can borrow up to that amount to pay for large building projects. Of that total, \$300 million to \$325 million, or one-third of the cost, would be earmarked for stadiums for the Pittsburgh Steelers and Pirates and the Philadelphia Eagles and Phillies. The cities and team owners would be responsible for the remaining two-thirds of the cost. The other \$175 million to \$200 million of potential debt could be used for other projects around the state.

The plan to raise the state's share of stadium funding by increasing the debt limit has not been formally introduced as a bill or amendment. Therefore, such a proposal has not yet been considered by the General Assembly. The current 1997-1998 legislative session concludes on November 30, 1998. Any legislation that is not passed by then will die with the session and can be offered again in the next session. There has been some speculation that stadium funding, if considered, may be delayed until the 1999-2000 legislative session.

Again, thank you for sharing your thoughts with me. As a legislator, I value the opportunity to hear from constituents on issues of this magnitude. Please be assured that I will take your thoughts into account if, and when, legislation regarding raising the debt limit for stadium funding is brought before the House for consideration. If you have further comments, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

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Thomas J. Scrimenti  
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February 12, 1999

John, Gayle & Sherry Dyne

[REDACTED]  
Corry, PA 16407

Dear John, Gayle & Sherry:

Thank you for contacting me with your opposition of spending state funds to build sports stadiums. As a legislator, I value the opportunity to hear from my constituency on important issues such as stadium funding.

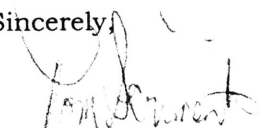
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Senate Bill 10, which recently passed both the House and Senate and was signed by the Governor, would raise the state's debt limit to provide \$320 million in state subsidies to help build stadiums in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh. Please note that I did not support final passage of Senate Bill 10 because many of my constituents, like yourself, were opposed to spending state tax money to fund stadiums.

Under the provisions of Senate Bill 10 the state, city and the team would each be responsible for one-third of the construction costs. The teams would not have to repay the state's contribution, but the increase in state tax revenues resulting from the new stadiums during the next 30 years would have to at least match that contribution. If that revenue falls short, team owners would have to pay the difference at 10-year intervals. The team must remain at the stadium for 30 years or for the term of the debt the state incurs. The team would be required to pay back the state money only if it leaves prematurely. An additional \$330 million is earmarked for still-to-be designated infrastructure projects at the Governor's discretion for other communities around the state.

Again, thank you for sharing your thoughts with me. Please feel free to contact me again in the future about this or any other issue.

Sincerely,

  
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February 12, 1999

Richard G. Zahner  
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North East, PA 16428

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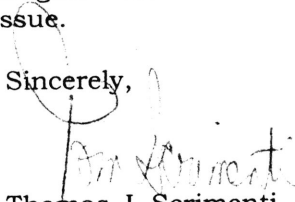
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February 23, 1999

Mr. Richard Zahner

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North East, PA 16428

Dear Mr. Zahner:

Thank you for your most recent letter on the stadium legislation (Senate Bill 10). It is gratifying for to me to receive your support on such a controversial matter. For some of the very reasons you mentioned in your correspondence, I voted against this legislation.

With the current huge state budget surplus, we have no reason to ignore several issues that beg for our attention. Education reform is certainly one of those issues. The administration has put forth a 3% increase in the basic education subsidy. This hardly seems adequate to ensure our children will receive the quality education they need and deserve. Allocating a portion of the surplus fund to education would be a worthy and solid investment in the future of the Commonwealth. Please know that I will keep your thoughts in mind as the voucher issue comes before the House again.

Pennsylvania has, in fact, made significant strides in improving the climate for business expansion and development. This has been partly due to the corporate tax cuts the last several years. However, now is the time to extend this same advantage to the common citizen through a tax reduction for the working class. Last fiscal year the state had a \$676 million surplus and we can expect a similar one this year. Democrats want to use state funds to cut local property taxes by 50% over the next five years. Current property taxes are especially difficult for seniors with fixed incomes. We will most assuredly be working on this issue throughout this entire session.

With regard to the possible highway work you mentioned between Shannon and Station Roads, in the near future I will be meeting with the planning people from PennDOT. At that time we will discuss the particular capital and maintenance projects scheduled for our district. After this conference I will have a better idea as to the certainty of the aforementioned project.

If there is anything else I may do for you, please feel free to contact my office.

Sincerely,

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

Thomas J. Scrimenti  
State Representative

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April 27, 2004

Mr. Thomas H. Hutzelman, President  
Flex-Y-Plan Industries, Incorporated  
6960 West Ridge Road  
Post Office Box CC  
Fairview, Pennsylvania 16415-0829

Dear President Hutzelman:

Thank you for contacting my office regarding the Department of General Services' IFB review procedures. I appreciate you taking the time to bring this important issue to my personal attention. As a state representative, I can certainly understand your frustration over the Strategic Sourcing Initiative process, and I heartily sympathize with your concerns.

I commend you for being one of our Commonwealth-based product suppliers for the last twenty years, providing valuable employment opportunities for Erie County residents, and saving the money of Pennsylvania taxpayers over the life of your state contract. With that in mind, please find an enclosed letter that I have prepared on your behalf to Governor Rendell, requesting that he reconsider IFB review procedures in light of the negative impact that strategically sourced contracts have on Pennsylvania-based manufacturers such as Flex-Y-Plan.

Thank you for your company's participation in the April 7 public hearing on Strategic Sourcing conducted by the House State Government Committee. Please remain assured that I will bear your thoughts close in mind as my colleagues and I diligently continue to investigate and develop a solution to this sensitive issue.

In closing, I want to again thank you for your correspondence and for keeping me apprised of your concerns. Should you require any further assistance with this or any other issue, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive that reads "Tom".

Tom Scrimenti  
State Representative  
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April 27, 2004

The Honorable Edward G. Rendell, Governor  
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania  
225 Main Capitol  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

Dear Governor Rendell:

I am writing to you on behalf of Mr. Thomas H. Hutzelman, President of Flex-Y-Plan Industries, Inc., who has recently apprised me of his concerns regarding the negative impact of the Commonwealth's Strategic Sourcing Initiative on the competitive futures of Pennsylvania-based, small- and mid-sized businesses.

Flex-Y-Plan is a small, Erie-based office furniture manufacturer that has held a multiple award contract from the Department of General Services for the past 20 years. In fact, the state is Flex-Y-Plan's largest customer. The company provides valuable employment opportunities for some of my constituents. As you may know, Erie County experienced a decline in manufacturing employment of more than ten percent in recent years. I have watched with dismay as industries of all sizes in the Erie area have had to cut employment areas drastically. Flex-Y-Plan, in particular, had to cut its 90-person workforce by one-third in the last three years.

It is my understanding that Mr. Hutzelman's company has been supplying competitively-priced furniture to the state and saving taxpayers' money because of flexible scheduling of shipments, responsive service, and increased discounts that may not be achieved by using a single source. Further, if Flex-Y-Plan would be awarded the contract, it would have to significantly expand its operations without a guarantee that future contracts would be awarded. It is a business risk that could close his manufacturing company permanently, and Erie County would lose between 40 and 50 jobs.

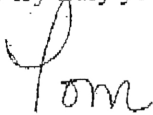
While I applaud your efforts to save taxpayers' money, I respectfully request that you and your staff reconsider the IFB review procedures and add evaluation criteria that will address the importance of maintaining Pennsylvania jobs. The plight of Flex-Y-Plan is an example of what small- and mid-sized Pennsylvania-based manufacturers are experiencing through the Strategic Sourcing Initiative's IFB review procedures. I believe that this process will have a negative impact on existing companies that continue to invest in the state and provide high-quality employment opportunities to Pennsylvania residents. Under the initiative, these smaller

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Governor Edward G. Rendell  
April 27, 2004

businesses will be unable to provide the range of products included in a single contract, thus they lose their competitive edge with larger, out-of-state companies that have greater chances of winning state contracts.

I want to thank you in advance for your kind review of this request. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,



Tom Scrimenti  
State Representative  
4<sup>th</sup> Legislative District

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CC: Mr. Thomas H. Hutzelman, President  
Flex-Y-Plan Industries, Inc.

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May 23, 1995

Harry Lombardo, President  
Transport Workers Union of Philadelphia  
One Olney Office Center  
Front Street & Olney Avenue, 3rd Floor  
Philadelphia, PA 19120

Dear Mr. Lombardo:

I want to thank you for your recent letter in which you ask me to reject the Gladeck proposed legislation which would amend Title 74 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to prohibit strikes by employees of transportation authorities.

When and if this bill comes before the House for a vote, please know that I will take your views into consideration.

I thank you for your interest in this matter. If I can be of any further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

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Thomas J. Scrimenti  
State Representative

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May 3, 1995

Representative Thomas Scrimenti  
House Box 202020  
Harrisburg PA 17120-2020

Dear Representative Scrimenti:

It has come to our attention that Representative Joseph Gladeck, Jr., Majority Chairman of the House Labor Relations Committee, is soliciting sponsors for legislation which would amend Title 74 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to prohibit strikes by employees of transportation authorities. We are writing to express our opposition to Representative Gladeck's amendment inasmuch as legislation denying transit workers the democratic right to strike is harmful to the Commonwealth's interest in constructive relationships between public transit employers and their employees as well as the efficient provision of quality transit services to the riding public.

Representative Gladeck's amendment to Title 74 is biased against transit workers and draconian in the extreme. While no mention is made of the need for sanctions against employers who fail to bargain in good faith, the principal cause of the two transit strikes that have occurred in Philadelphia in the last fourteen years, Representative Gladeck would outlaw strikes altogether, impose fines on striking workers, and subject labor organizations that violate the ban to decertification! Such measures would return public transit labor relations in Pennsylvania to the days of the Molly Maguires, undermine the process of collective bargaining, and negatively impact efforts customarily made by Local 234 and other transit unions in the context of collective bargaining to improve the safety, quality and convenience of transit services.

Pennsylvania Act 195, as presently constituted, crafts a rational labor relations policy for public transit in the Commonwealth, giving due consideration to the interests of employers, employees, riders and the general public. The Act recognizes the centrality of public employees' right to organize and bargain collectively and promotes the bargaining process by granting workers and their unions a limited right to strike. Without such a right, employers would have little incentive to comply with their obligation to negotiate in good faith. Moreover, Article X of the Act protects the interest of



riders and the general public by empowering the courts to enjoin transit strikes that create a clear and present danger or threat to the health, safety and welfare of the public.

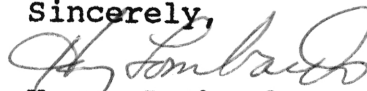
The record reveals that Act 195 has achieved the proper balance between the competing interests at play in the public transit labor relations context. Between 1983 and 1995, the Commonwealth's largest transit authority, SEPTA, negotiated four labor agreements with TWU Local 234 and endured only one short (4 day) strike in 1986. During these four rounds of negotiations, agreements were reached between the Union and the Authority to facilitate the safe operation of SEPTA vehicles, enhance security on buses and trains, improve on-time performance and save the taxpayers tens of millions of dollars in operating expenses. These achievements were the fruits of a constructive bargaining relationship, a relationship made possible by the fact that both parties enjoyed relatively equal status in the bargaining process.

Stripping transit workers of the right to strike would simply erode the bargaining power of the union, destroy the relative equality needed to facilitate fruitful bargaining and embitter labor relations at the expense of the riders and the general public. This is no solution to the inconveniences sometimes caused to transit riders as a result of unresolved bargaining disputes.

Representative Gladeck's proposed amendment to Act 195 was authored in the midst of a fourteen day transit strike provoked by the SEPTA Board of Directors. Now that the dispute has been resolved, cooler heads must prevail.

The Gladeck amendment is ill-conceived and destructive of the Commonwealth's long standing public policy with regards to collective bargaining in the public transit industry. We urge you to reject this anti-worker initiative.

Sincerely,



Harry Lombardo  
President

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## PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION OF NURSE ANESTHETISTS

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December 13, 1999

The Honorable Thomas J. Scrimenti  
House Professional Licensure Committee  
Nine W. Main Street  
North East, PA 16428

Dear Mr. Scrimenti,

It has come to our attention that the House Professional Licensure Committee is currently considering legislation (HB 1394) that may ultimately lead to the committee establishing standards for office based anesthesia practice. In 1999, the American Association of Nurse Anesthetists (AANA) took the lead as a national organization and set forth standards for Office Based Anesthesia Practice for its membership, some 27,000 practicing Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNAs). Those standards have since been recognized by the Society for Office Based Anesthesia (SOBA) as being an outstanding example of the standards necessary for the safe practice of anesthesia in the ambulatory surgical facility and office setting. 2500 CRNAs practicing here in Pennsylvania now utilize these standards for their practice in the office based setting. The Pennsylvania Association of Nurse Anesthetists (PANA) feels strongly that adherence to these standards is essential to providing the safety that every patient undergoing anesthesia in an office deserves. As you may be aware, CRNAs currently provide the vast majority of anesthesia to Pennsylvanians having procedures done in the office setting. This has been true for decades. It is an unfortunate fact that many patients are being provided sub-standard anesthesia care in offices where anesthesia is being provided by non-anesthesia certified personnel. We are opposed to this practice and feel that every patient should have the right to care given by trained and certified anesthesia providers such as CRNAs working in collaboration with the operating physician as they are so directed by the Nurse Practice Act.

If you do establish standards for office based anesthesia here in Pennsylvania, we ask that you consider the standards developed by the AANA to assist you in the preparation of those standards. This would help to insure the safety of every patient having an office procedure and will also allow for the continued provision of high quality, cost-efficient care for patients in Pennsylvania. A copy of the AANA standards have been included with this letter as well as some general information about CRNAs that you may find helpful. Please feel free to contact the PANA with any questions you may have and for further information about nurse anesthetists and the care they provide. We would be pleased to assist your efforts in any way possible.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Frederick Ackler CRNA, M.S.  
President, Pennsylvania Association of Nurse Anesthetists

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May 16, 2001

Ms. Sue Murawski

North East, PA 16428

Dear Ms. Murawski: - *Sue*

Thank you for your recent letter regarding your opposition to House 823, which would require that supervising operating physicians or anesthesiologists must be physically present in a health care facility when anesthesia is administered. I am particularly glad that you, a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist, have contributed your thoughts on this important issue.

As you may know, this bill in its original form would have amended the Medical Practice Act of 1985. However, this bill was amended in the Professional Licensure Committee on May 1, 2001 by deleting the bill in its entirety and adding an anesthesia supervision provision to the Health Care Facilities Act. At this time, HB 823 is on the House Tabled Calendar awaiting consideration by the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.

Please know, although I am a cosponsor of this legislation, I will keep your views in mind as this bill is debated in the House of Representatives.

Once again, thank you for taking the time to convey to me your stance on this important issue. If I may be of further assistance in the future, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

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Thomas J. Scrimenti  
State Representative

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North East, PA 16428  
April 30, 2001

Dear Rep. Scrimenti,

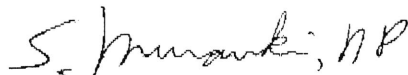
I was so dismayed to read that you are a cosponsor of HB 823, which would require anesthesiologists or other physicians to directly supervise nurse anesthetists as they administer anesthesia. This bill is coming up for a Committee vote on Tuesday, May 1 at 10:30 a.m. I understand that Rep. Mario Civera will propose on May 1 an amendment to the current language that would amend the Health Care Facilities Act to state that anesthesia would be administered under the supervision of the operating physician or anesthesiologist.

There is no need to change the current regulations regarding nurse anesthetists, as they have safely practiced in PA without direct supervision for scores of years. This bill is unnecessary and another blatant attempt by doctors in this state to control the practice of nursing and to boost their incomes.

The current regulations from the Dept. of Health are clear and appropriate and do not need to be changed. There is not a shred of evidence that the current availability of a physician results in inadequate or unsafe care to patients. Even the federal government does not require that nurse anesthetists be directly supervised in order to be reimbursed for their services!

I strongly feel that you should oppose the original HB 823 and Civera's upcoming amendment.

Sincerely,



Sue Murawski, CRNP

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November 17, 1997

Donald R. DeNardo, Executive Manager  
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Dear Mr. DeNardo:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding House Bill 1336 and Senate Bill 1169. Both bills provide for investment tax credits and for the development of a synthetic fuels industry in Pennsylvania. I have always supported business initiatives that create more jobs and enhance the prosperity of Pennsylvania.

House Bill 1336 was referred to the House Finance Committee on April 16, 1997. While Senate Bill 1169 was referred to the Senate Finance Committee on October 23, 1997. As you may know, each bill must be reported out of committee before any legislative action can be initiated by the House or Senate. Please note that Senate Bill 1169 has to pass the Senate before it is considered by the House. In the House, the sole responsibility of calling up bills for floor votes lies with the House Majority Leader, Representative John M. Perzel.

If you haven't already, you may want to contact the House and Senate Finance Committee Chairmen:

Karl Boyes, Republican Chairman  
House Finance Committee  
316 Main Capitol Building  
PA House of Representatives  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Fred Trello, Democratic Chairman  
House Finance Committee  
36C East Wing, Main Capitol Building  
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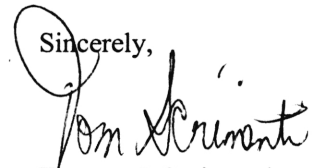
Melissa A. Hart, Chairman  
Senate Finance Committee  
171 Main Capitol Building  
PA Senate  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Please be assured that I will take your thoughts into consideration when, and if, House bill 1336 or Senate Bill 1169 is brought before the House for consideration.

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Again, thank you for sharing your thoughts with me. My office is always available to address your concerns. If you have questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

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Thomas J. Scrimenti  
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November 3, 1997

Representative Thomas J. Scrimenti  
House Post Office  
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Harrisburg, Pa. 17120

Dear Representative Scrimenti

The Mechanical Contractors Association of Northwest Pennsylvania, representing fifteen mechanical contractors operating in the northwest sector of our commonwealth, urge you to support through co-sponsorship and endorsement H.B. 1336, the Foreign Oil Displacement Act which will be introduced in the House of Representatives by Representative Bob Allen (R-125 District). Enclosed please find a newspaper article relating to alternate fuels and coal to gas liquification. The article itself is self explanatory and if legislation is successful on the state and national levels there would be the potential for the creation of many construction jobs in the near future and many jobs after the construction in order to operate the facilities.

On behalf of our membership I am encouraging you to sign on to House Bill 1336 as a co-sponsor and to support Representative Bob Allen and also Senator Jim Rhodes when he introduces similar legislation in the State Senate under Senate Bill 1169.

Congressman Tim Holden will be introducing legislation in the United States House of Representatives to coincide with the legislation submitted by the Pennsylvania House and Senate.

Your support of this important legislation will greatly enhance the opportunity to create jobs in northwestern Pennsylvania. On behalf of the members of the Mechanical Contractors Association of Northwest Pennsylvania I thank you for your careful consideration and subsequent support of this bill.

Sincerely yours,

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Donald R. DeNardo  
Executive Manager