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Randy Parmenter

North East, PA 16428-5727

Dear Mr. Parmenter:

Thank you for taking the time to contact my office and alert me of your position with regards to House Bill 1591, legislation that is designed to protect the groundwater resources and the public health of the residents of our Commonwealth. As your state representative, I look forward to learning about those issues that are of importance to my constituents, and being of service whenever possible.

As a co-sponsor, I support this legislative initiative, which is designed to establish basic water well construction standards. Specifically, if enacted, this bill will ensure that wells are drilled properly and that the underlying aquifer is protected from contamination. Furthermore, by initiating some basic standards, this proposal seeks to protect both the consumer and the well drillers. Only new, residential water wells drilled after the effective date of regulation will be influenced by this endeavor. House Bill 1591 will not affect existing wells and those wells that are under construction on the effective date of the regulation.

House Bill 1591, also known as the Water-Well Construction Act, passed the House on November 19, 2001, and is currently awaiting consideration by the Senate Environmental Resources Committee. The legislation does not contain any authorization to charge residents for using well water, nor does it empower the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to require citizens to turn off or cut back on water usage during times of drought. In addition, if House Bill 1591 is enacted, water well meters will not be required, and DEP will not have the authorization to inspect water wells.

Thank you again for taking the time to contact me and alert me of your concerns with regards to this important issue. Please be assured that I am dedicated to assisting the residents within the district that I represent, and all Pennsylvanians. If I may be of further assistance with this or any other state related issue, please do not hesitate to contact me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

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

Thomas J. Scrimenti  
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Ms. Susan Hulings  
P.O. Box 271  
Corry, PA 16407

Dear Ms. Hulings:

Thank you for your recent letter seeking welfare reform. I agree that changes must be made in the Public Welfare Code, which is why I supported House Bill 1341 when it came before the House for final consideration.

This legislation, which is now being considered by the Senate, provides educational and job training opportunities designed to help people move from the welfare rolls to the employment rolls. As I am sure you know, education and job training are two proven methods of putting people back on the road to self-sufficiency. House Bill 1341 also provides increased safeguards against "welfare cheats" by implementing stronger personal identification measures. Thus, House Bill 1341 will help alleviate many of the problems discussed in your letter.

Be assured that I understand your frustration with the current welfare system. Because there are great numbers of recipients who do not necessarily want to stay in welfare, I am committed to providing educational and employment opportunities. By doing so, the Commonwealth can help foster a more positive environment that demonstrates to welfare recipients that they can attain a better life.

Again, thank you for sharing your views on this critical issue. I will definitely keep your letter and its cogent arguments in mind when additional welfare reform legislation is considered. If I can be of any further assistance on this or other issues in the future, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

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February 7, 1996

Gina Davis  
c/o Corry Area High School  
534 East Pleasant Street  
Corry, PA 16407

Dear Ms. Davis:

Thank you for taking the time to write to me with your questions. I am very pleased to see that you have taken such a strong interest in the issues that face our community. I would like to take this opportunity to provide answers to your well crafted inquiries.

1) The creation of a program that uses displaced workers and people on welfare for public works projects is, at least theoretically, a good idea. Historically a similar program was implemented successfully during the Great Depression when thousands of people were employed by the federal government to build roads, houses and even for artistic purposes. Currently some people are advocating similar "workfare" programs. The idea being that instead of just giving money to people, some type of service should be rendered to earn this allowance. There are many versions of such a plan currently being debated at all levels of government. Your question touches a very important and sensitive element of this dialogue, the proposed amount of government involvement. Some people contend that people should find these jobs in the private sector while others call for complete government sponsorship of work opportunities for those on welfare. We shall see where we head with this very important policy issue that is very high on many lawmaker's agendas.

2) I agree with you that it is important for kids to have ample recreational opportunities in their neighborhoods. It is especially important this day in age with the evil specter of drugs overshadowing many of our communities. Corry already has two excellent facilities that provide such opportunities. The Community Center offers services such as basketball, volleyball and video games. All of this is free to people under 18 years of age. There is also the YMCA for which a membership is required, but they too provide excellent resources that the young people of our community can utilize.

Ms. Davis

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3) Pennsylvania needs to become a state that attracts new business. I am committed to creating a climate which encourages business formation and growth. I am proud to report that our area has been designated as an Enterprise Zone. This allows businesses who wish to locate here the opportunity to get low interest loans and grants. We are fortunate to have achieved this as there are only a handful of Enterprise Zones in the entire commonwealth. I have also sponsored legislation that would establish tax credits for small businesses who hire new employees. House Bill 2034 would help to put Pennsylvanians back to work.

It is also important, while developing economically, that we not forget that our workers have the right to a decent standard of living. I would like to see measures that promote livable wages, affordable housing and improved job training enacted into law this session.

4) As you indicated in your letter, one of the most important steps in reducing unemployment is an effective retraining and education program. The jobs that are being created these days are often highly technical in nature and require certain knowledge that many people may not have acquired in the previous work experiences. As we move from an industrial to service based economy the issue of job training has come to the forefront. Throughout my legislative career I have worked to see that my constituents are well represented in this regard. In the legislature, I pushed for and received funding for a higher education and retraining center in Corry. I feel that we are moving in the right direction in putting people back to work. Our Enterprise Zone status combined with the retraining center are concrete steps in the road to economic revitalization.

5) I am committed to the goal of access to high quality, affordable health care for every Pennsylvanian. It is especially important that we look at the preventative side of health care. Money that is dedicated to this area later reaps great rewards as the prevention of disease costs much less than the treatment of disease. In addition to a focus on preventative health care I would like to ensure universal access to health care, guarantee quality preventive care for children and secure affordable long-term care for our seniors.

Once again, thank you for writing. I hope that I was able to satisfactorily answer your queries. Please do not hesitate to contact me again about this or any other issue.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Scrimenti  
State Representative

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*mailed  
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October 12, 1995

Joseph F. Giles  
Office of County Council  
Erie County Court House  
140 West Sixth Street, Room 116  
Erie, PA 16501-1081

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Dear Mr. Giles:

Thank you for taking the time to alert me of your opposition to the Case-Mix 2 Regulation that was promulgated by the Department of Public Welfare.

As you may know, the regulation was recently approved by the Independent Regulatory Review Commission. However, I am pleased to inform you that leaders in the Democratic Caucus did take action to oppose this regulation. I share your concerns regarding the effect this regulation may have on the quality of care for our senior citizens.

Again, thank you for taking the time to alert me of your position on this issue. If I may be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely yours,

*Tom Scrimenti*  
Thomas Scrimenti  
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September 14, 1995

The Honorable Tom Scrimenti  
House of Representatives  
25-B Capitol Building, East Wing  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

Dear Mr. Scrimenti:

Enclosed is a copy of Resolution Number 41, 1995, "In Opposition to the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare's Proposed Funding Changes for County Nursing Homes," which was adopted unanimously by the County Council of the County of Erie on September 5, 1995.

Historically, and for the most part, the County Council has refrained from expressing its opinions or exerting any influence on the General Assembly's legislative function. We have maintained that posture to prevent any appearance of interference, trusting that the State legislature ultimately would act in the best interests of its constituents and of the Commonwealth as a whole.

However, there are times when we must speak out on certain legislative issues because of the enormity of consequences such issues could incur. Such is the case regarding proposed reform by the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare to the reimbursement system for county nursing homes.

The new formula for reimbursement, commonly known as "Case Mix 2," if approved by the General Assembly, will prove financially devastating to those counties which are committed to long term care for their indigent and otherwise needy citizens.

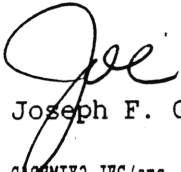
The implementation of "Case Mix 2" will again demonstrate the pronounced adverse effects that mandated services without corresponding State reimbursement have on the counties of this Commonwealth.

The Honorable Tom Scrimenti  
September 14, 1995  
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We strongly urge that you lend the full weight and influence of your office in opposition to DPW's proposed reform for county nursing home reimbursement, herein referred to as "Case Mix 2."

Thank you for your time and attention.

Very truly yours,



Joseph F. Giles

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Enclosure

cc: Douglas E. Hill, Executive Director  
County Commissioners Association of PA  
Nancy E. Rorem, Deputy Director  
County Commissioners Association of PA

RESOLUTION NUMBER 41 , 1995

**In Opposition to the Pennsylvania  
Department of Public Welfare's Proposed  
Funding Changes for County Nursing Homes**

**WHEREAS**, the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare has proposed dramatic reforms to the reimbursement system for County Nursing Homes; and

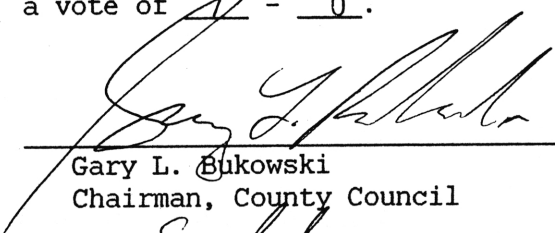
**WHEREAS**, these reforms fail to continue to recognize County Nursing Homes for their unique role in caring for the indigent of Pennsylvania; and

**WHEREAS**, this new formula, entitled "Case Mix 2," will have a greater financial impact for counties than the original Case Mix 1, which was rejected by the General Assembly; and

**WHEREAS**, the current reimbursement system, along with any new formula changes, is reflective of State mandated costs that have historically fallen on counties.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Council of the County of Erie, pursuant to Article II, Sections 1A, 1C(8) and 3B(1) of the Home Rule Charter for the County of Erie, that Erie County government formally and strongly opposes the proposed nursing home reimbursement system as prepared by the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare and referenced as "Case Mix 2."

On the motion of Mr. Giles, seconded by Mr. Foust, this resolution was passed on this 5th day of September, 1995 by a vote of 7 - 0.

  
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Gary L. Bukowski  
Chairman, County Council

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Judith M. Lynch  
County Executive

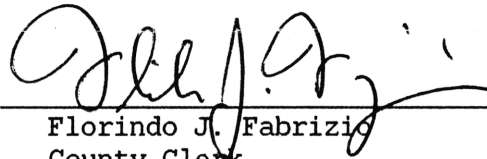
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Florindo J. Fabrizio  
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Date: September 5, 1995



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March 3, 1995

Ms. A. Ames

[REDACTED]  
Erie, PA 16510

Dear Ms. Ames:

Thank you for your recent correspondence regarding wetlands legislation. The bill that you cite, House Bill 200, was referred to the House Environmental Resources and Energy Committee on February 13. The executive director of the committee has informed me that there are no immediate plans to review or vote this legislation out of committee.

I share your concerns with legislation that may jeopardize valuable environmental resources. From my initial review of House Bill 200, it is my understanding that if mitigation banks would be required by the state Department of Environmental Resources, the department would be legally bound to conduct a study which includes input from the Fish and Boat Commission, Game Commission, the municipality where the mitigation is to take place, and the general public. And, to the best of my knowledge, HB 200 does not designate funds from hunting and fishing licenses for mitigation purposes.

Fortunately, House Bill 200 is in the very early stages of the legislative process. I will review this issue more closely and take your comments into serious consideration in order to be well informed should this issue come to the House floor for final passage. If I may be of further assistance on this or any other issue, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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November 13, 1991

Anthony D. Sala, D.O.  
Medical Director - Erie Eye Clinic  
306 E. 11th Street  
Erie, Pennsylvania 16501

Dear Dr. Sala:

Thank you for your recent letter in which you expressed your disapproval with Act 6 of 1990, the Automobile Insurance Reform Act, and Governor Casey's proposal to reform workers' compensation using a methodology similar to automobile insurance reform. I want to tell you at this juncture that workers' compensation reform is only in its infancy and after Governor Casey makes his recommendations, the legislature will examine this legislation carefully and study all facets of this reform package. We will not merely examine workers' compensation rate increases, but we will also study such issues as safety in the workplace, health care cost containment and control of excessive benefits. Your concern for Governor Casey's reform proposal is well understood because the Pennsylvania Legislature recognizes that health care providers in the Commonwealth have experienced a good many problems since the passage of Act 6.

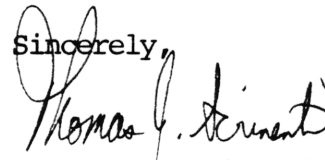
On October 30th the House Insurance Committee held a public hearing in Harrisburg in which health care specialists voiced their opposition to Act 6 as it is currently written. This includes personnel from the Pennsylvania Medical Society, the Hospital Association of Pennsylvania, two rehabilitation centers, Wilkes-Barre General Hospital and the Pennsylvania Trial Lawyers Association. This committee will continue to hold public hearings because a great number of complaints have been received statewide from professionals like yourself. I want to assure you that the legislature knows Act 6 is only a first step toward insurance reform and that it will take some time to develop equitable legislation. Realizing this, the legislature will be examining Governor Casey's workers' compensation proposal very carefully and will take all of the time it needs to develop appropriate reforms.

Anthony D. Sala, D.O.  
November 13, 1991  
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Regarding the notion that Act 6 should be rescinded, it should be remembered that Act 6 contains much more than merely health care cost containment provisions. This Act also demands rate rollbacks and provides anti-fraud provisions. It also provides an appeal process when one wants to appeal the denial of payment. The House Insurance Committee is examining the health care cost containment portions of Act 6, those sections which seem to be the target of health care providers.

Again, I want to thank you for contacting my office with your opinions, opinions I will remember when I discuss workers' compensation reform and Act 6 with my House colleagues. If at any any time during the coming weeks you wish reiterate your concerns, please do not hesitate to contact my office in the future.

Sincerely,



Thomas J. Scrimenti  
State Representative

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Anthony D. Sala, D.O. Diseases and Surgery of the Eye

306 W. 11 St. Erie, PA 16501 (814) 452-2796

October 28, 1991

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The Honorable Thomas Scrimenti  
25B East Wing, Main Capitol Building  
House P.O. Box 96  
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Dear Representative Scrimenti:

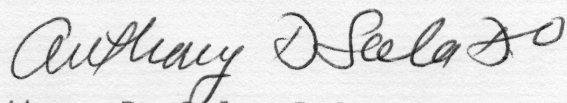
Recently, legislation has been introduced by Governor Casey to reform the Worker's Compensation program. Preliminary reports suggest that, as it applies to health care services, the bill will be fashioned similarly to the auto insurance reform legislation recently passed which restricts payments for health care and hospital services at 110% of the Medicare reimbursement.

I urge you to carefully consider the legislation and weigh its impact both on the patient and the provider. While Medicare provides a great service to many Americans, the reimbursement for services rendered to these recipients is (in many instances) inadequate and illogical and is difficult to apply to the general population. The imposition of a 110% cap on a Medicare reimbursement, which is so variable from physician-to-physician, community-to-community and region-to-region, will cause havoc for most physicians.

In addition, there is an ever changing reimbursement by Medicare, particularly with the RBRVS (Resource Based Relative Value Scale) which will become effective January 1, 1992. I am certain you are aware of the merits, as well as the shortcomings, of the RBRVS. Beginning January 1, 1992 there will be a five year decrement for procedural services along with a five year increment for cognitive services. The RBRVS, combined with cost of living increases, makes it nearly impossible for the physician to be aware of the exact reimbursement for a particular procedure.

We urgently need your assistance and support in repealing Act 6 so as to avoid the same problems on Worker's Compensation reimbursement that we are currently experiencing as a result of the "auto insurance reform".

Sincerely,



Anthony D. Sala, D.O.  
Medical Director

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December 3, 2001

Shirley A. Schell, Executive Assistant  
Erie City Mission  
1023 French Street, PO Box 407  
Erie, PA 16512

Dear Ms. Schell:

Thank you for your recent correspondence wherein you requested my support of House Bill 391, which would remove the five-year limitation for the receipt of the five percent safety premium discount that employers receive for having a certified safety committee in place.

I am pleased to inform you that I am a cosponsor of this legislation, and will continue to support the bill when and if it comes before the entire House of Representatives for a vote.

In the interim, thank you for alerting me of your interest in this bill. If I may be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

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April 6, 2000

Mary Ellen Camp  
New Choices/New Options  
5 West 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 309  
Erie, PA 16501

Dear Ms. Camp:

Thank you for notifying me of your support for House Bill 2255. I am happy to be a co-sponsor of this bill and appreciate your efforts to include me in your concern for this legislation.

As a state lawmaker, I recognize the value of the multiple services your center provides for the adult students of Pennsylvania. Your hard work and dedication certainly deserves the consideration of the General Assembly. House Bill 2255 is aimed at providing funding for educational training and job placement services for displaced homemakers and single parents. At this writing, the bill is being reviewed by the House Education Committee. In the meantime, please note that appropriations can only be made after a bill has advanced out of committee. Therefore, enclosed you will find a copy of the letter I have forwarded on your behalf to the House Education Committee urging them to take action and move House Bill 2255 out of committee.

Again, I thank you for sharing your thoughts with regard to this important measure. If you have any further comments or if there is anything that I can do for you in the future, please do not hesitate to contact my office. I always welcome and appreciate your input.

Sincerely,

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April 6, 2000

The Honorable Nicholas A. Colafella, Chairman  
House Committee on Education  
300 Main Capitol  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Chairman Colafella:

I write to you today to share with you my support for House Bill 2255, known as the Displaced Homemaker and Single Parent Self Sufficiency Act. As you know, House Bill 2255 would allocate \$3.7 million in state funding to the Department of Education for the establishment and operations of multipurpose service centers that provide educational training and job placement service to displaced homemakers and single parents.

This segment of society has not been properly addressed. We can choose to ignore these individuals or we can deliver to them the long overdue promise and hope that is needed to empower them. We have the means to offer them opportunities to rebuild their lives as sound, solid and productive citizens. All of us will be well-served by providing this catalyst to the currently disenfranchised group. These are people who want to contribute; they want to honorably and honestly provide for their families. I believe that we owe it to them and to ourselves to implement this investment to generate a better future for them and for Pennsylvania as a whole.

As a co-sponsor of this legislation, and a firm believer in the abilities of the good people this legislation would serve, I strongly encourage you to put forth your strongest consideration in seeing that House Bill 2255 is rendered a clear path to its passage. I thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Thomas J. Scrimenti in black ink.  
Thomas J. Scrimenti  
State Representative

cc: Mary Ellen Camp



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April 20, 2000

Aldo R. Jackson, Ph.D., Director  
Erie County Technical School  
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Dear Dr. Jackson:

Thank you for contacting me regarding legislation that would provide the framework for a skilled workforce development system.

As you may know, this legislation has been voted out of the House Committee on Education. All are awaiting the consideration of the full House of Representatives, and action may be taken at any time. A skilled workforce is an invaluable asset to our new economy, so you can be assured that as these bills come up for a vote, I will keep your insight in mind as I consider this legislation.

Thank you again for contacting me about this issue. If you have any further questions regarding this issue, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

  
Thomas J. Scrimenti  
State Representative

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Representative Thomas Scrimenti  
25B E Wing  
Main Capitol  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Representative Scrimenti:

A skilled workforce is imperative for the Commonwealth's continued economic development. However, there are concerns within the business community about the available workforce. Erie County employers from all business sectors repeatedly express their concern to us about the shortage of skilled workers. Pennsylvania's vocational-technical school educators remain committed to providing outstanding training programs that provide businesses with the workforce needed to expand the Commonwealth's economic advantage. At this time, your help is needed to ensure that technical education programs are positioned to meet these workforce needs.

Six legislative bills that have passed the House Education Committee would provide the framework for a skilled workforce development system to meet both the current and future needs of Pennsylvania. Now is the time for action.

House Bills 846, 944, 878, 847, 967, and 1166 have the support of legislators, educators, and businesses from across the Commonwealth. Pennsylvania needs these bills at this time, and it needs your support to ensure that these bills and the funding for them are included in the final state budget.

The six-bill package will accomplish the following goals:

**1. School districts will be encouraged to enroll more students in high-skill technical education programs.**

During the past few years, the amount of state subsidy per technical high school student has decreased, and school districts have been reluctant to promote vocational programs because of the increased cost at the local level. Senate Bills 846 and 847 will increase access for local youth to quality technical education programs.

**2. Vocational technical education schools will provide programs that meet the needs of industry.** Students need to be competent with equipment that today's workplaces use. They also need to develop workplace behaviors that complement their technical skills. Senate Bills

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944, 878, 967 will significantly affect the ability of vocational-technical educators to allow students to do so.

- 3. Continuous skill development will be available for all incumbent workers.** Recent productivity gains that fuel our economic expansion must continue for our industries to remain competitive. Lifelong learning for current workers is crucial for such productivity. Senate Bill 1166 will provide affordable skill development programs to meet the changing skill demands of today's workplace.

Your support of this legislative package is one way to encourage the economic health and workforce development efforts in Pennsylvania. Through this package, the Erie County Technical School will remain accountable to our students, participating school districts, local business and industry, and taxpayers for technical training and economic growth. I ask you to encourage the leadership of the House Appropriations Committee to include these six bills, as well as funding for the bills, in the final budget. Thank you for your continuing support of vocational-technical education. Please call me if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Respectfully yours,



Aldo R. Jackson, Ph.D.  
Director