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April 21, 1999

The Honorable Guy Travaglio House of Representatives House Box 202020 Harrisburg, PA 17120-2020

Dear Guy:

I am in receipt of your recent correspondence asking that I support House Bill 1, the Taxpayers' Bill of Rights", especially your amendment that would eliminate the required minimum of \$300 capital stock/franchise tax.

I just wanted to write back and inform you that I will do all I can to see that this amendment remains in the legislation. I agree with you wholeheartedly that as our Commonwealth grows, it is our duty to support and facilitate this change and growth.

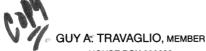
Please feel free to continue to contact me if I can ever assist you in doing what is in the best interests of the citizens of Pennsylvania.

Sincerely.

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The Honorable Gibson E. Armstrong Senate Box 203013

Dear Gibson:

House Bill 1, the "Taxpayers' Bill of Rights," passed the House on March 9, 1999, by a vote of 198-1. I was successful in having an amendment included in this legislation that would eliminate the required minimum \$300 capital stock/franchise tax, without eliminating the tax completely. I am taking this opportunity to bring this to your attention and asking for your support and passage of this legislation in the Senate.

As you may know, the "Tax Reform Code of 1971" sought to update the current Tax Code at the time. Throughout the past 30 years, Pennsylvania has continued to "change with the times." We have continued to lead the nation in the manufacturing industry. Our Commonwealth continues to grow, as is evident in the current budget surplus. In this spirit, I feel it would be beneficial to update the restrictions placed on the business owners in our Commonwealth, namely, the "small business owner."

First of all, let me say that no business in Pennsylvania is "small." Every business in our Commonwealth is a necessary part of its functioning. These businesses contribute to our state economy, as well as the nation's economy. These businesses provide jobs and give the business owners a sense of independence.

Secondly, as times have changed and our Great State continues to grow, it is our duty to support and facilitate this change and growth. It is with this in mind that I ask you to support House Bill 1, "The Taxpayers' Bill of Rights."

If you have any questions or if I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Sincerely yours,

GUY A. TRAVAGLIO, JR. STATE REPRESENTATIVE

11th LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT