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Senate of Pennsylvania
48TH SENATORIAL DISTRICT

October 13, 2009

Ruth Holland, MD, President
Chester County Medical Society
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Dear Dr. Holland:

Thank you for sharing with me your many concerns and physicians' outrage over using MCARE money to help balance the state budget. I share your concerns and I understand and appreciate your outrage, which is why I opposed this plan.

Even though this proposal was approved, I will continue to advocate measures to make Pennsylvania more physician friendly. We need medical malpractice and meaningful lawsuit abuse reform. I would also like to advance my Senate Bill 509, which would use MCARE moneys for their intended purpose, pay down current liabilities, and ease the costs of transition from MCARE to the private insurance market. This is part of my "Healthy Pennsylvania" health care reform package: <http://senaterepublicannews.com/healthypa/healthy-pa.htm>

Again, thank you for taking the time to contact me on this important issue. Please feel free to continue to do so should you have further questions on this or any other state related matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Folmer".

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