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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
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Commissioner Jessica K. Altman
Department of Insurance
13th floor, Strawberry Square
Harrisburg PA, 17120

Dear Commissioner Altman,

I am writing to you as the Chairman of the House Insurance Committee and on behalf of the citizens of Pennsylvania. For all the individuals who purchase their health insurance in the individual market, I want to express my sincere desire to keep health insurance rates fair and keep our Pennsylvania companies viable. But most importantly, I want to express my deepest concerns for the rate payers who must be able to afford their health insurance premiums and work that payment into their family budget.

I realize that rates are driven by the cost of health care and the utilization of how much insureds use their health insurance. Although I have introduced several pieces of legislation at the state level - in an effort to drive down the costs of health care - I realize that Congress must step up to the plate and address the high cost of pharmaceuticals so that this situation is finally addressed for the insurers and insureds who purchase these extremely high priced medications.

In closing, I want to commend you for the excellent job you are doing as Commissioner and let you know that my door is always open to discuss any and all insurance legislation that passes through my committee.

I thank you for your consideration of keeping Pennsylvania consumers in mind when approving rate filings in this Commonwealth!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tony DeLuca". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Tony" being more prominent than the last name "DeLuca".

Anthony DeLuca
Democratic Chairman House Insurance Committee
State Representative
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