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Mr. Paul Tubiana  
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Dear Mr. Tubiana:

Thank you for contacting my office recently regarding federal funding for diabetic research, which you feel should be used for stimulated C-Peptide blood tests and sinus cultures on every person diagnosed with diabetes. I appreciate having the benefit of your input on this matter.

I understand your concern that diabetics are not given the C-Peptide blood test to ensure that they are actually diabetic and don't have another medical condition. However, the issue of federal funding for this type of research does not fall under my purview as a member of the Pennsylvania State Senate. I will closely monitor this issue when I officially become a United States Congressman next month.

Again, thank you for taking the time to share your research with me.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Charles W. Dent".

CHARLES W. DENT  
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