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Paul Tubiana PO Box 21832 Lehigh Valley, PA 18002-1832

Dear Mr. Tubiana:

Thank you for your letter regarding the prevalence of diabetes among children, as well as information pertaining to proper diagnosis and treatment. I appreciate your taking the time to share your thoughts with me on this important issue.

It is quite evident from your correspondence that you have spent a great deal of time researching and analyzing information on this issue. It is most unfortunate that such concerns exist. However, I can tell you that the Pennsylvania is taking proactive measures where the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of this disease are concerned. Specifically, the Pennsylvania Department of Health developed The Diabetes Control Program. This initiative focuses on three major goals:

- To improve the lives of Pennsylvanians with diabetes,
- To reduce disparities related to diabetes among minority and underserved populations in the Commonwealth; and
- To prevent the onset of type 2 diabetes through reduction of risk factors. Program services are offered on a statewide basis supporting contracts with state and federal funding.

In addition, a major component of this initiative is increasing awareness and early diagnosis, as well as preventing the onset of type 2 diabetes by reducing known risk factors. More information regarding the Commonwealth's Diabetes Initiative, as well as program funded projects is available at www.dsf.health.state.pa.us.

Again, thank you for contacting me. Please be assured that I will share this information with my colleagues, as well as House Health and Human Services Committee staff for further review. If I may be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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