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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA  
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November 15, 2002

The Honorable Edwin G. Holl  
Chairman, Banking and Insurance Committee  
Pennsylvania Senate  
362 Main Capitol Building  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

RE: House Bill 1954 – Amends the  
“Unfair Insurance Practices Act”

Dear Senator Holl:

I am writing with regard to my House Bill 1954, which passed the House on October 7, 2002 and was subsequently referred to the Senate Banking and Insurance Committee, where it is awaiting consideration.

HB 1954 was originally introduced to amend the “Unfair Insurance Practices Act” (Act 205 of 1974) to prohibit an insurance company from refusing to renew a homeowner’s policy based on the surrounding properties being unoccupied. The bill would in effect place into state statute a 1995 ruling by the state Insurance Commissioner.

However, prior to final House approval, the bill was amended in the Urban Affairs Committee to bring the homeowner’s termination law into conformity with the law that applies to auto insurance.

Upon further reflection by me, and having consulted various interested parties, I now believe the amended legislation exceeds the scope and intent of my original bill and requires further study to assess the practical effect of the amendatory changes.

Therefore, I respectfully request that you refrain from scheduling HB 1954 for consideration by the Senate Banking and Insurance Committee until such time that all interested parties have had an opportunity to fully comment on the legislation.

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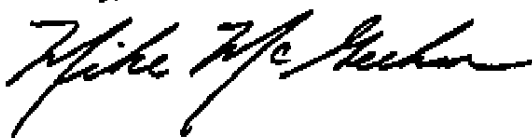
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Moreover, I would add that I have spoken with Representative Ron Raymond, Chairman of the House Urban Affairs Committee and the author of the aforementioned amendment, and I can report that he supports me in this request.

Sincerely,



Michael P. McGechan, Member  
PA House of Representatives  
173rd Legislative District

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CC: All Members, Senate Banking & Insurance Committee  
Hon. Ron Raymond, Chairman, House Urban Affairs Committee  
Hon. Thomas C. Petrone, Democratic Chairman, House Urban Affairs Committee