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TO: The Members of the House Judiciary Committee

FROM: Jim Jefferson, State President *Jim Jefferson*

SUBJECT: House Bill 1105-Medical Malpractice

The Pennsylvania Chapter of the National Council of Senior Citizens strongly opposes House Bill 1105. This legislation is unfair to the approximately two million senior citizens in the Commonwealth.

This bill is an attempt to infringe upon our rapidly diminishing individual rights, rights which we as senior members of the community have cherished and valued longer than any other Pennsylvania resident. We must do everything in our power to protect ourselves in the present, so that future senior citizens can be proud of their accomplishments and enjoy life, not have to fight for it.

Obviously, medicine and doctors play a large role in our lives, and we must be able to place our trust and our confidence in them. If these qualities are misplaced, we must be able to defend ourselves. The court system is that essential safeguard for these victims of negligence.

You, as distinguished members of the General Assembly, are the ones who have the knowledge and the ability, as well as the responsibility, to protect the people of Pennsylvania.

One must remember, becoming a senior citizen must always remain a privilege, and never become a problem.

As always, we thank you for considering our position and trust that the future of all Pennsylvanians are in good hands.