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Dear Representative Gannon:

I was pleased to learn that a public hearing has been scheduled on House Bill 1980, proposed legislation in which I am vitally interested. In fact, I have provided some impetus in bringing the matter of protection for the names and likenesses of individuals from unauthorized publication to the attention of the legislature and the Governor's Office in the recent past.

I regret that my schedule precludes my attendance and testimony at the hearing, but I write to express my complete support for this legislation, already enacted into law in comparable form in many states. It is extremely important to an individual, particular a person of any prominence, and his or her heirs that his or her name and image is protected after death. Without such a safeguard, it is easy to imagine what improper and even disgraceful use could result.

I am grateful to the Judiciary Committee under your leadership for moving forward on this proposed legislation and am hopeful that it will be enacted into law in proper form in the near future.

Sincerely,

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