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Senate of Pennsylvania

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August 6, 2007

The Honorable Edward Rendell
Governor of Pennsylvania
Room 225, Main Capitol
Harrisburg, PA 17120

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Dear Governor Rendell:

I am writing to reinforce the position taken by Senator Patrick Browne in his July 3, 2007 letter to you regarding the exclusion of any funding in fiscal year 2007-08 for the Properties of Merit of Pennsylvania, Inc. (POM).

The seriousness of the allegations that Senator Browne details in his letter should warrant an immediate investigation by the Bureau of Charitable Organizations to ensure compliance with existing state law covering charitable solicitations.

As stewards of the public weal we must remain ever vigilant in ensuring that the Commonwealth's scarce resources are spent wisely. I await response as to what action you will undertake in regards to POM.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gibson E. Armstrong".

Gibson E. Armstrong, Chairman
Senate Appropriations Committee

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