

families afflicted with such disorders as Hemophilia, Alpha One Antitrypsin Deficiency, Colorectal Cancer and Breast Cancer, Crohn's Disease, and Immune Deficiencies, just to name a few. PSI assists by identifying health insurance policies as well as subsidizing the health insurance premiums and pharmacy copayments for these families. PSI is financially supported through private donations from individuals, pharmaceutical manufacturers, foundations, and other corporations and uses these donations to ensure affordable health insurance coverage for the uninsured and underinsured.

PSI has a 15-year success rate of putting the uninsured and underinsured back to work by providing a bridge from insecurity and disease to one of accessing affordable duality health care therapies. During its 15 years of existence, PSI has helped about 20,000 Americans. The PSI model works to provide Americans with millions of dollars worth of medical care for just 5% of the total cost of care.

PSI saves middle-class families from becoming financially devastated when they have a family member with an expensive chronic illness. It is the only non-profit of its kind providing health insurance premium assistance and pharmacy copayment assistance. In 2002, PSI received a positive Department of Health and Human Services Office of Inspector General Opinion for the work it does with Medicare Part B Copayments, Deductibles, and Medigap Premiums.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to salute Dr. Kuhn and the staff of Patient Services Incorporated for their hard work and resourcefulness in developing a workable solution for the epidemic of uninsured Americans.

H.R. 3722, THE UNDOCUMENTED ALIEN EMERGENCY MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AMENDMENTS OF 2004

HON. JOE BARTON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2004

Mr. BARTON. Mr. Speaker, at the request of the Chairman of the Committee on Ways and Means, I would like to include an exchange of letters to be included as part of the discussion of H.R. 3722, the Undocumented Alien Emergency Medical Assistance Amendments of 2004.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS,
Washington, DC, May 17, 2004.

Hon. JOE BARTON,
*Chairman, Committee on Energy and Commerce,
2125 Rayburn House Office Building, Wash-
ington, DC.*

DEAR CHAIRMAN BARTON: I am writing concerning H.R. 3722, the "Undocumented Alien Emergency Medical Assistance Amendments of 2004," which was introduced on January 21, 2004, and referred to the Committee on Commerce.

As you know, the Committee on Ways and Means has jurisdiction over matters concerning Medicare. Sec. 3 of H.R. 3722 waives the Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act (EMTALA), and thus falls within the jurisdiction of the Committee on Ways and Means. However, in order to expedite this legislation for floor consideration, the Committee will forgo action on this bill.

This is being done with the understanding that it does not in any way prejudice the Committee with respect to the appointment of conferees or its jurisdictional prerogatives on this or similar legislation.

I would appreciate your response to this letter, confirming this understanding with respect to H.R. 3722, and would ask that a copy of our exchange of letters on this matter be included in the Congressional Record during floor consideration.

Best regards,

BILL THOMAS,
Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND COMMERCE,
Washington, DC, May 17, 2004.

Hon. BILL THOMAS,
*Chairman, Committee on Ways and Means, 1102
Longworth House Office Building, Wash-
ington, DC.*

DEAR CHAIRMAN THOMAS: Thank you for your letter of May 17, 2004 concerning H.R. 3722, the Undocumented Alien Emergency Medical Assistance Amendments of 2004. Although this bill was referred solely to the Committee on Energy and Commerce upon introduction, I will be happy to keep you apprised of the status of this legislation.

As requested, I will include this exchange of correspondence in the Congressional Record on H.R. 3722.

Sincerely,

JOE BARTON,
Chairman.

HONORING SOPHIE R. HOFFMAN,
PRESIDENT OF THE JEWISH
COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF GREAT-
ER WASHINGTON

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2004

Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sophie R. Hoffman for over two decades of dedicated service to the Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington, including 2 years as their president.

Sophie R. Hoffman has worked tirelessly on behalf of the Jewish community, advocating Jewish interests, strengthening public support for Israel, building ties with other faith, minority, and ethnic groups and establishing a framework for social action.

While serving the Jewish community, Ms. Hoffman has enhanced the quality of life for those around her. She played a key role in securing over \$2 million in grants for Jewish social service agencies, which provide for vulnerable citizens throughout Greater Washington.

For years, Ms. Hoffman has committed herself to strengthening public support for Israel. Her duties included presenting Cardinal McCarrick with a menorah to honor the heroes and martyrs of the Holocaust. This was then permanently placed on the campus of the Catholic University of America.

Furthermore, the Council has established and developed public school literacy programs under Ms. Hoffman's guidance. She has also been incredibly involved in preserving the principles of religious freedom in public schools and working to nurture a positive environment for the children. Her remarkable organization efforts have helped to create a framework for social action.

Throughout her accomplished career as a dedicated public servant, Ms. Hoffman has

continuously demonstrated her vitality and commitment towards the Greater Washington community. Due to her contributions of time and talent, the diverse society is able to maintain its beauty while evolving to keep pace with the rapidly changing region.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I would like to extend my best wishes to Ms. Hoffman on her retirement from the Jewish Community Council of Greater Washington. Her significant contributions are much appreciated and greatly admired. I congratulate her on a job well done. I call upon my colleagues to join me in honoring Ms. Hoffman and in wishing her the best of luck in all future endeavors.

IN HONOR OF JOHN DROTLEFF,
CONDUCTOR OF THE WEST
SHORE CHORALE AND ORCHE-
STRA

HON. DENNIS J. KUCINICH

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 19, 2004

Mr. KUCINICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and recognition of John Drotleff—admirable conductor, musician and friend, as he celebrates his Twentieth Anniversary of performing, leading and conducting the West Shore Chorale and Orchestra.

Beyond his exemplary work with the West Shore Chorale, Mr. Drotleff has taught music at several local colleges, middle schools and high schools throughout Ohio—consistently inspiring our youth to attain their personal best and allow their natural musical talents to shine through. Mr. Drotleff was Chairman of Fine Arts at Lakewood High School, and has been a faculty member with Hiram College for the past 6 years, where he conducts the Hiram College Choir and Hiram College Madrigal Singers. At Hiram, Mr. Drotleff teaches choral conducting, music theory and secondary choral methods.

Mr. Drotleff's college ensembles have performed in New York, Boston, Chicago, and Detroit, and most notably, they, have performed at the Kennedy Center and the National Cathedral in Washington, DC. Mr. Drotleff has also conducted the Youngstown Symphony Chorus and has served as a guest conductor for many musical groups throughout the northeastern United States.

Mr. Speaker and Colleagues, please join me in honor, recognition and gratitude to Mr. John Drotleff as he celebrates 20 years of leadership, inspiration and guidance as conductor of the West Shore Chorale and Orchestra. His remarkable ability to connect, inspire and uplift every member of his orchestra has significantly raised the level of musical offerings and has significantly increased public interest in every performance of the Chorale. An outstanding conductor, teacher and musical scholar, Mr. John Drotleff's love of music and strong confidence in his charges serves to draw the highest level of excellence from within the heart and soul of each performer. The lyrical and joyous concerto that personifies Mr. John Drotleff's life is a brilliant and treasured gift within our community that connects us through the universal language of music—uplifting our entire community on the wings of a song.