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Dear Mr. Jones:

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RE: **Medical Assistance Estate Recovery Program - Proposed Regulations (Reg. # 14-445 amends Title 55 Chapter 258 as published at 29 PA Bulletin 3888)**

I am writing to offer comments on regulations proposed by the Department of Public Welfare regarding the Medical Assistance Estate Recovery Program. These proposed regulations were published in the PA Bulletin on July 24, 1999.

I am writing to offer my support and concurrence with the comments submitted by Jeffrey A. Marshall in his letter of August 20, 1999. I have read and reviewed Mr. Marshall's objections and recommendations. He has an excellent understanding of the statutes concerning estate recovery, and offers tremendous insight into the potential ramifications on older Pennsylvanians and their survivors should these regulations remain unmodified.

I urge you to carefully review Mr. Marshall's objections and recommendations as the regulatory review process unfolds. I am confident that by incorporating his comments, the Department of Public Welfare will be able to craft reasonable and responsible regulations regarding the Medical Assistance Estate Recovery Program.

Sincerely,

MARY JO WHITE
SENATOR, 21ST DISTRICT

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cc: Jeffrey A. Marshall
The Honorable Harold F. Mowery, Chairman
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