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Senator Patricia H. Vance
Chair, Public Health and Welfare Committee

Dear Chairwoman Vance,

I am writing on behalf of the Philadelphia Women's Center to correct a statement in the record created at the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee's public hearings on April 13, 2011. Witness Michael McMonagle testified that the Philadelphia Women's Center has a practice of withholding the name of our treating physician from patients seeking abortion care at our facility. This assertion was unsupported and is not true. In fact, every patient is told the name of her doctor when she arrives at the facility and also meets the doctor prior to performance of the abortion at which time she has ample opportunity to ask questions. While we do not give out doctors' names over the phone, we have found that this is necessary to protect them from the harassment, violence and death threats to which abortion providers are unfortunately subjected. Thank you for the opportunity to correct the record on this point.

Sincerely,

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