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Marc P. Volavka, Executive Director  
Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council  
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Dear Mr. Volavka:

I received a copy of the numbers of total hip and total knee replacements credited for me at Warminster Hospital from July 1, 2001, through to June 30, 2002.

I feel you should be advised that because of the malpractice crisis in the state of Pennsylvania, I was not operating during the calendar year 2002, and in anticipation of this, I had not done any total joint replacements at the end of November and the month of December of 2001. Thus, the numbers of joint replacements listed for Warminster Hospital only reflect approximately five months of my joint replacement surgeries during that fiscal year.

It should also be noted that I also do joint replacement surgeries at Albert Einstein Medical Center and your statistics generated for me for the Albert Einstein Medical Center in Philadelphia likewise would represent only approximately five months of surgery since I was not able to operate there as well during the calendar year 2002 because of the liability crisis.

Sincerely yours,

David R. Pashman, M.D.

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