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Hon. Michelle A. Henry  
Pennsylvania Attorney General  
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16<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Attorney General Henry:

I am writing regarding medical services at Bradford Regional Medical Center in the City of Bradford, McKean County.

The Bradford Regional Medical Center (BRMC) is a member of Kaleida Health System, Buffalo, NY, and a part of the Upper Allegheny Health System, which includes Olean General Hospital (OGH) in Olean, NY.

Kaleida Health System recently announced it is further reducing health care services at Bradford Regional Medical Center by closing behavioral health services. I have been contacted by many constituents who are very concerned with the pattern of diminishing medical services, including relocation of many services across state lines to the New York facility.

In 2009, when BRMC and OGH joined to form Upper Allegheny Health System, local officials, including myself, were encouraged by hospital officials to support this effort to enhance health care services in our rural region. Unfortunately, since that time all we have seen is a continual reduction in services at the Pennsylvania facility.

I know at the time of the merger legal documents had to be submitted to the Pennsylvania Attorney General to allow the merger to go forward. I'm also aware that assurances were made by Kaleida Health to ensure citizens from both states were being treated fairly regarding health care services provided. I can tell you that is no longer the case for Pennsylvania residents impacted by the decisions made by Kaleida Health. I am requesting that your office investigate this important matter on behalf of the Pennsylvania residents we serve.

Your investigation is needed to ensure that Pennsylvania residents are not discriminated against by a New York State health system. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Martin T. Causer".

Martin T. Causer  
State Representative  
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