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Dear Mr. Mittman:

Dr. Robert Curry, Director of the Emory Physician Associate Program has asked that I reply to your recent inquiry concerning the political implications for PA's of a Carter presidential victory in November.

While the following information is somewhat fragmentary we, nevertheless, believe that it at least suggests answers to the questions you pose, and in which all PA's share an interest.

Under the administration of then Governor Jimmy Carter, there was P.A. enabling legislation enacted in the state and impetus was generated to implement a P.A. program at the state operated Medical College of Georgia.

During this same period, representatives of the Emory program worked closely with the Chairman of the Georgia State Department of Human Resources, Mr. Jack Watson, on issues concerning the P.A. profession. It is this same Jack Watson who is currently Mr. Carter's advisor on health care and who is a close personal friend of Mr. David Glazer, Executive Director of The National Commission on Certification of Physician's Assistants with national offices in Atlanta.

There is an additional turn of events which must be viewed in singularly positive terms. We have learned, second hand, that Thomas Pimme, M.D., professor of medicine and Medical Director of the P.A. Program at George Washington University, as well as President of the National Commission on Certification of Physician's Assistants, has been appointed to a special commission by Carter to investigate and make recommendations on health care delivery.

There are some 400 PA's certified and practicing within Georgia and the impact made by them on improved health care within the state must surely be recognized by Mr. Carter and his advisors.

There are two operational P.A. programs within the state, one private and one operating on state funds.

We do know that Mr. Carter is actively interested in improved primary-care health delivery and is concerned about such issues as physician maldistribution and malpractice.

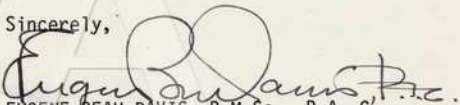
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It is difficult, with such evidence at hand, to conclude anything except that Mr. Carter will, in all probability, be entirely supportive of the P.A. in his overall plans concerning health care delivery for the nation.

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank you and your colleagues for having the interest and for taking the time to pursue these important questions. Such active participation in the political growth and future of our profession can only serve to strengthen our continuing efforts to improve medical care by fostering the interdependent MD/PA team practice concept.

Looking forward to your further word and with warm personal regards from Dr. Curry, I remain

Sincerely,



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