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Dear Mr. Mittman:

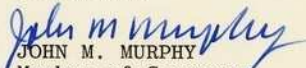
Thank you for your correspondence in which you express your support for Physician Assistants and request my voting record on issues pertaining to the same.

I agree that Physician Assistants are quickly becoming a vital part of our hospital/health care system and should be promoted as an important, worthwhile profession. My legislative record illustrates the fact that I consider the improvement of national health care as a top priority while serving in the Congress; I am a co-sponsor of the Kennedy-Corman national health insurance plan; I support measures to expand existing medicare/medicaid coverage; I am working to ensure adequate funding for our city's hospitals; and I have secured federal grants for new health care facilities in the 17th Congressional District. Most recently, I co-sponsored a bill which would amend the Social Security Act to authorize payments under the supplementary medical insurance program for the services of physician extenders and clinical staff of community mental health centers. I have enclosed a copy of this particular piece of legislation for your information.

I appreciate your advising me of your commitment to the P.A. profession and the improvement of health care in this country. I can assure you that I share your sentiments on these issues and will continue to work toward the establishment of adequate and accessible health care for all citizens.

If I can be of further assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

  
JOHN M. MURPHY  
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