



April 6, 2001

Mr. Marc P. Volavka  
Executive Director  
Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment  
225 Market Street  
Suite 400  
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Dear Mr. Volavka:

Holy Spirit Hospital is always pleased to participate in the Council's reports. We especially appreciate this opportunity to comment on the *1999 C-section Deliveries in Pennsylvania* report that will be released to the public on or about Friday, April 20, 2001.

We would like to note that Holy Spirit compares favorably with the statewide measures for deliveries and C-sections and that our charges are well below the state average. As a Catholic hospital, we value the sacredness of human life, and we are proud of the obstetrical and neonatal services that we provide to the community through The Birthplace.

Again, we appreciate the opportunity to comment on this draft report and look forward to the release of the final report. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sr. Romaine Niemeyer, SCC".

Sr. Romaine Niemeyer, SCC  
President and CEO