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VIA HAND DELIVERY and EMAIL

Matthew J. Creme, Jr., President
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Dear Matt:

It is with great regret that I am compelled to inform you of the resignation from PBA membership of the seventy (70) lawyers from Thomas, Thomas & Hafer, LLP, who are listed below. This action is taken in protest of the PBA's opposition to the Fair Share Act set forth in House Bill No. 1 and Senate Bill No. 2.

My regret is based not on any uncertainty about the justification for these resignations—I have no doubt whatsoever about that—but rather it is motivated by our disappointment in the PBA's failure to fairly represent all lawyers and promote the welfare of the citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

The PBA's resolution in opposition to the legislation gives the false impression that it is supported by "the defense bar," which of course includes the lawyers listed below. In fact, we do not oppose the Fair Share Act as proposed by H. B. 1 and S. B. 2 but rather support it enthusiastically. We believe that an undiluted Fair Share Act is not only fair and just but also would help keep Pennsylvania employers in business and attract employers to Pennsylvania, benefiting the people of Pennsylvania rather than plaintiffs' lawyers who derive much of their wealth from the current joint and several liability law.

We recognize that there may be differences of opinion on such issues. That is acceptable. This is America. But we cannot continue to support an organization that misrepresents our position and uses our dues to undermine it.

The law firm of Thomas, Thomas & Hafer, LLP, has a long tradition of participation in the PBA House of Delegates and the various committees and sections of the PBA. The attorneys listed below represent over a millennia of PBA membership. We will miss the fellowship of our colleagues there. We will continue to serve our clients', our neighbors' and our professional interests through local business, civic and bar associations.

If and when the PBA rescinds the resolution and commits to impartial service to and representation of all attorneys in Pennsylvania, then we will consider rejoining the organization.

Respectfully submitted,

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