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February 19, 2010

Mr. Howard Peters
Illinois Hospital Association
700 South Second Street
Springfield, IL 62704

Dear Howard:

I believe it is in all our best interests to continue to take a proactive approach in combating MRSA. However, in light of our conversation and the concerns that have been brought to my attention regarding Senate Bill 2981, I will not proceed with the bill in its current form.

I will amend the bill to remove language which would impose additional MRSA screening requirements on hospitals. Once amended, the bill will simply remove the Act's January 1, 2011 sunset date so that Illinois facilities can continue to enforce their MRSA control programs and improve the prevention of MRSA.

We are all interested in ensuring patient safety. I appreciate the efforts of facilities across the state to prevent the spread of MRSA and other infections.

As always, thank you for your insight on this and other important issues facing health care providers. The input of the Illinois Hospital Association is truly valuable to the work of General Assembly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christine Radogno".

Christine Radogno
Illinois Senate Republican Leader
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