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OFFICE OF  
WORKERS' COMPENSATION JUDGE  
HELENA, MONTANA

The Honorable Michael McCarter  
Montana Workers Compensation Court  
P.O. Box 537  
Helena, Montana 59624

RE: Dale Reesor v. Montana State Fund  
WCC No. 2002-0676

Dear Judge McCarter:

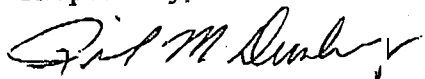
This letter is being sent as a follow-up to my conversation of June 2, 2005 with Patricia Kessler of your office with regard to the above captioned matter. As I explained to Ms. Kessler three PMA Group companies: Pennsylvania Manufacturers Association Insurance Company, Pennsylvania Manufacturers Indemnity Company and Manufacturers' Association Insurance Company were named as defendants in the above captioned matter.

PMA has a very small presence in Montana. Our preliminary review indicates that PMA did not have any claims where individuals would have had their benefits terminated as a result of the age related limits imposed by 31-71-710, MCA (1999).

The complaint was recently brought to my attention and I would respectfully request an extension of time until June 20, 2005 to provide a responsive pleading, so that we can complete our review and if necessary retain counsel in Montana. I have spoken to Thomas J. Murphy, Esq. the attorney for the Petitioner and he has advised me that he has no objection to an extension of time to that date.

My thanks for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Richard M. Dunlevy".

Richard M. Dunlevy  
AVP & Associate General Counsel  
The PMA Insurance Group

cc: Thomas J. Murphy, Esq.