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David Carey, Mayor  
 and Assembly Members  
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Dear Mayor Carey and Assembly Members.

Concerns have been expressed by our patients that the Borough contribution to CARTS may be deleted from the budget. Many patients of medical, dental, and behavioral programs at Peninsula Community Health Services (PCHS) use CARTS to access services. So far in 2009, we have spent close to \$4,000 purchasing rides for our patients, and we look to continued participation of public agency partners to be able to sustain these costs at a reasonable level.

At its May 28 meeting, the PCHS Board of Directors directed me to write this letter in their behalf urging you to support the continued participation of the Borough in funding CARTS, recognizing that borough funding leverages financial participation on the part of other institutions and the federal government. Our board hopes that in these challenging economic times, the people needing health care and who have financial barriers to affording travel to access care are not forgotten.

Respectfully,

Stan Steadman  
 Executive Director

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