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Honorable Milton Shapp
Capitol Building
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Dear Sir:

The Executive Committee, on behalf of the membership of the Venango County Medical Society, wishes to voice its criticism and contempt for the recent dismissal of Dr. James McClelland as Superintendent of Polk State School and Hospital. Since Mrs. M. Wohlgemuth's actions apparently have the approval of the Harrisburg hierarchy we must assume this form of character assassination is an acceptable policy in the Commonwealth. For a state official to perform in such a clandestine manner is deplorable. For the state government to sit by and condone this performance is frightening.

The Venango County Medical Society expects a full investigation and review of Dr. McClelland's dismissal, and his prompt reinstatement as Superintendent. We also expect a reply to this letter indicating what specific actions are planned by your office in this regard.

Sincerely yours,

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