Senators Santorum and Specter, Can the People of Pennsylvania count on your support?

In a recent national poll, 70% of American voters said protecting patients’ rights was “very important” in deciding how to vote this fall.

For six years, HMOs and big insurance companies have spent hundreds of millions of dollars to kill a real patients’ bill of rights.

Last summer, the U.S. Senate passed an HMO protection act instead of a real patients’ bill of rights. But in the House, 275 Representatives did vote for strong managed care reforms. Now, a small group of Senators and Representatives is drafting a final bill.

The time is now, Senators Santorum and Specter, to stand up for patients.

Call Senators Santorum and Specter at 1-800-833-6354 and ask them to support these principles in a real patients’ bill of rights:

• Protect all 168 million Americans covered by managed care plans;
• Hold health plans accountable when they make decisions that harm patients;
• Provide patients an independent, timely appeal if care is delayed or denied;
• Allow physicians to make medical decisions, not insurance companies; and
• Give patients a choice for their treating physicians, including specialists.

For more information, go to www.ama-assn.org/grassroots