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Dear Mr. Oliveri,

We are writing to **express our** sincere gratitude for your **help** in advocating for **and** protecting the civil justice system. Your generous contribution helped fight the proposals by the Governor's **Medicaid Redesign Team [MRT]** that would **have** severely limited the rights of injured patients and undoubtedly led to similar efforts regarding all personal injury victims.

The proposals by the **Governor's MRT were extremely troubling, but** with NYSTLA's leaders, members, staff and professional consultants all working around the clock, most of the provisions, especially including a cap on pain and suffering damages, were rejected. Unfortunately, the final budget did include a **Neurologically Impaired Infant Fund**, although we were able, at least, to effect some ameliorative changes to how the Fund was originally designed, which, hopefully, will make it more likely that disabled infants and their families receive the care and benefits they deserve.

It was contributions **from members** like you that helped us succeed in our fight. We would not have been successful if it were not for the support so generously given by you and other NYSTLA members. Because you joined this fight, the State legislature and executive know full well **that families and victims of negligence** will always have stalwarts defending access to the justice system for the injuries they have suffered from negligence, whatever the source of that harm.

Unfortunately, as we are sure you know, this fight is not over — nor is it likely to be any time soon- This is undoubtedly just the opening salvo of many battles to come. Only with members like **you can** we stand and fight again.

On behalf of the New York State Trial Lawyers Association and all the citizens of New York, **THANK YOU!**

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Nicholas I. Timko  
*President*

Sincerely,

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