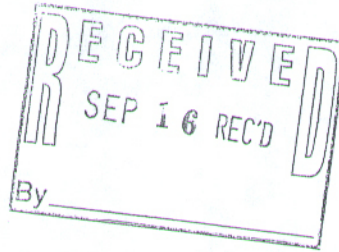




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September 11, 2008

John Birkner, Jr., Mayor  
Borough of Westwood  
101 Washington Avenue  
Westwood, New Jersey 07675

Dear Mayor Birkner,

It was a pleasure meeting you last week at Hackensack University Medical Center.

We are aware of the difficulties the residents in northeast Bergen County have due to the closing of the Pascack Valley Hospital in November of 2007. This is a complex situation with great bearing on their access to healthcare. We are reviewing all the issues and will find an appropriate solution that will benefit all the citizens in northeast of Bergen County. I appreciate the effort you have made in order to ameliorate the lives of your constituents.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Loretta".

Loretta Weinberg  
Senator, District 37

File: Mayor John Birkner, Jr.