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April 7, 2010

The Honorable Joseph Scarnati  
President Pro Tempore  
Room 292, Main Capitol  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

The Honorable Dominic Pileggi  
Majority Leader  
Room 350, Main Capitol  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Dear Senators Scarnati and Pileggi:

As you know, the District Attorney of Allegheny County has filed charges against me alleging the improper use of state provided resources for political purposes. The charges are baseless, and I am confident that I will be exonerated despite what will continue to be the obsessive and vendetta-drawn efforts of Mr. Zappala and those beholden to him.

Senate Rule XXXVI requires that a leader or committee chair stand aside when charged with an offense directly related to the Member's conduct as a leader or chair. While these charges do not relate to my service as Majority Whip, I nonetheless believe it is in the best interest of both the Caucus and the Senate as an institution for me to step aside as Whip, pending exoneration. Consistent with the provisions of the Rule, I look forward to resuming the duties as Whip once the charges have been dispatched.

In the meantime, I intend to be fully involved with the work of the Senate and in representing with my full energies the remarkable people residing in the 40<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jane C. Orie".  
Jane C. Orie  
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