

**IF YOU LIVE IN PENNSYLVANIA...
YOU MAY NOT BE ABLE TO GET
THE HEALTH CARE YOU NEED.**



**Pennsylvania's
health care system
is in crisis.**

An out-of-control lawsuit system is forcing doctors to drop services or leave the state.

- “You can’t attract new neurosurgeons to this area” because of the rising rates and being sued... “When you call recruiters they laugh.”
— *Dr. Barry Pollack, a fulltime neurosurgeon on leaving the state due to liability costs, Allentown Morning Call, June 27, 2002*
- In terms of ‘jackpot jury’ awards, Pennsylvania is the second-worst state in the country. Payouts in 2000 totaled over \$352 million, topped only by New York.
— *Roger Mecum, Pennsylvania Medical Society, The Harrisburg Patriot, March 12, 2002*
- The system needs to be changed and tort reform recommends itself. The current system provides a good life for trial lawyers, but society is not served by making “pain and suffering” a legal lottery that offers the chance of turning medical misfortune into a bonanza.
— *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, February 4, 2002*

There’s a bill before Congress that can make a difference!

Call Rep. Mike Doyle today at 412.241.6055.

Ask him to support H.R. 4600, the HEALTH Act, to make sure you get the health care you need.



To learn more about the health care liability crisis, visit www.hcla.org

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