

## **State Representative Peggy Scott**

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### **LETTER TO THE EDITOR Genuine Debate Brings About Real Reform**

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To the Editor,

In response to Mr. Butler's March 12 letter, I point to the results of bipartisan negotiation and agreement on the issue of General Assistance Medical Care (GAMC). Had my legislative colleagues and I not voted to uphold the Governor's veto, negotiations would likely have broken down and the program would have only a temporary fix. Instead, we have a durable agreement and proof that government can be reformed.

After legislators from both parties and the Governor came back to the negotiating table, we achieved a long-term solution to continue care for the state's sickest and poorest while saving taxpayers \$700 million this budget cycle alone. The reform agreement utilizes innovative, nation-leading health care models to promote wellness, prevention and improved health outcomes within a sustainable health care safety net.

By focusing on priorities instead of politics, the legislature has a solution that reflects the needs of the GAMC population and the realities of our state's fiscal situation. We continued Minnesota's leadership in health care and health care reform, and showed the leadership needed to find real solutions to serious issues.

Sincerely,

Peggy Scott  
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