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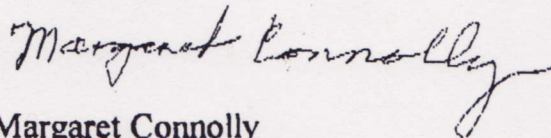
Dear Dr. Berkowitz,

When I received your recent letter, I was surprised. My second reaction was that I knew I was going to write back to you. I was struck by your great courage and your openness. I am sure that this decision has been a long and difficult one in coming., and there will be some difficult times ahead. However, I have found that in my own life experience in making a life changing decision, once I knew that I knew what I needed to do, I also knew that if I did not act I would not have been true to myself and would lose some life within. That would have been more hurtful to me than facing the difficulties that would come from acting on the decision.

As you said in your letter, your presentation and name will be different, but I know you will be the same conscientious and compassionate person who is also an excellent and caring physician. The way you are going about communicating and educating your patients about transsexuality is great. I have gone into the Davis Square web site, and found the information there very helpful. I have a feeling that you are going to be quite instrumental in helping people who are transsexual and in educating the public in this area. You are doing it already.

You have been my primary physician for almost fourteen years now. I know I have received excellent care from both you and Carol who is a gem. You have both brought me through some serious times. I want you to know that I intend to be your patient for the next fourteen years also. I hope you both can stand it.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Margaret Connolly". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Margaret Connolly