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TO:

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FROM:

Senator Sean Logan

DATE:

January 27, 2009

RE:

Co-sponsorship of legislation

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I intend to reintroduce legislation, written in response to a fire safety audit of state institutions, which revealed a lack of coordination between a number of state universities and state institutions with local fire departments. It is essential that state institutions take a proactive approach to sharing fire-related information with local departments and in establishing a coordinated response plan in case of a fire.

This legislation would require state universities and institutions responsible for initiating contact with local fire departments to ensure that responders are familiar with the facility (such as floor plans, location of residential rooms and presence of any combustible materials) and to coordinate plans for fire safety. Each state university and institution would be required to record this information and the date and manner in which the material was conveyed to the local fire department. The information must be updated annually and a copy filed with the State Fire Commissioner's office.

Known as SB 645 in the 2007-2008 Session, this bill was cosponsored by Senators BOSCOLA, FONTANA, TARTAGLIONE, STOUT, COSTA, KITCHEN, O'PAKE, FERLO, STACK, RAFFERTY, MUSTO, C. WILLIAMS, LAVALLE, KASUNIC, FUMO, RHOADES, PIPPY and WASHINGTON.

If you would like to cosponsor this legislation, please contact Ranee in my Harrisburg office at 787-5580 or <u>rjacobs@pasenate.com</u>.