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Senate of Pennsylvania

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TO: All Senators

FROM: Senator Jane C. Orie 

DATE: December 13, 2010

SUBJECT: Determination of Citizenship and Immigration Status by Law Enforcement

I plan to re-introduce legislation that would require law enforcement agencies to notify federal immigration officials when an arrestee is determined to be in this country illegally. I believe that September 11th and several tragedies make it clear that tracking illegal immigrants in the Commonwealth is necessary for both our personal and national safety.

The most horrific recent example is the execution-style shooting of four innocent college students in New Jersey. In that case, at least one suspect, Jose Carranza, was in the United States illegally from Peru. *At the time of the shooting he was out on bail after being charged with repeatedly raping a 5-year-old girl.*

Specifically, my legislation would require a law enforcement agency to make determinations about immigration status of persons arrested for a felony or any crime involving violence or a minor. If it is determined that the suspect is in the United States illegally, the agency would be required to notify federal authorities. Further, immigration status would become a part of the individual's criminal history.

Last session Senate Bill 853 was co-sponsored by Senators: RAFFERTY, ALLOWAY, WARD, ERICKSON, WAUGH, FOLMER, BAKER, KASUNIC, PIPPY, VOGEL, BROWNE, EARLL, D. WHITE, WOZNIAC and SCARNATI.

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