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December 8, 2010

TO: All House Members
FROM: Representative Dick L. Hess *DJA*
SUBJECT: Introduction of Legislation -- Former HR 532
MRSA Reporting Regulations

I plan to reintroduce legislation requiring the Pennsylvania Department of Health to establish regulations to require the reporting of MRSA that occurs in the community setting. MRSA is an antibiotic-resistant bacterial infection that can lead to grave health complications.

A school district in my legislative district went through a difficult time when some students came down with MRSA. As if the illness wasn't bad enough, the Department of Health was unable to provide reassurance or guidance on how to manage the problem. I learned that our regulations are outdated in that we monitor diseases like chicken pox while ignoring MRSA which can be a much more serious communicable disease.

Please join me in co-sponsorship of this resolution so that we can go on record as urging the Department of Health to remedy this situation. Please contact my office at 787-7076 or email Barb Ramsey at bramsey@pahousegop.com.

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