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REPLY TO:

**TO:** All Senators

**DATE:** December 13, 2010

**FROM:** Senator Christine Tartaglione *cm*  
Senator John Rafferty *JR*

**SUBJECT:** Co-sponsorship

We intend to reintroduce SB 225 from the 2009-2010 legislative session which was cosponsored by Senators Folmer, Erickson, Greenleaf, Washington, Ferlo, Earll, O'Pake, Costa, Stack, Wozniak and Eichelberger.

This Legislation deals with police services the Pennsylvania State Police provide to municipalities throughout the Commonwealth. When prosecuting an individual for a violation under Title 75 as charged by the PSP, all proceeds from fines and forfeitures are payable to the Commonwealth. Fifty percent (50%) of that revenue is returned to the municipality in which the violation occurred regardless of whether or not the municipality has its own police department.

Although 41 municipalities who have populations over 5,000 have no police departments, they share in the revenue generated from the police activities of the PSP. As the costs of providing law enforcement protection continues to increase, the PSP would benefit from the ability to retrieve 100% of the proceeds derived from the work they do in the municipalities where they provide 100% of the police activity.

If the 50% refund is not returned to those municipalities that do not provide their own police departments, the Commonwealth would realize an estimated increase of \$8.5 million in the Motor Licensing Fund. This increased revenue would benefit the PSP and in turn benefit these municipalities with enhanced police patrol capabilities.

Our legislation would make only those municipalities that provide their own local police services eligible to receive the 50% revenue allocated from the Liquid Fuels Tax fund under this provision.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact Sherry Hess in Senator Tartaglione's Office at 705-7036 or shess@pasenate.com.