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REPLY TO:

TO: All Senators

DATE: December 17, 2010

FROM: Senator Christine Tartaglione CMT
Senator Stewart J. Greenleaf *Stewart*

SUBJECT: Co-sponsorship

We are re-introducing SB 387 of last session which would amend Title 18 further providing for aggravated assault. This legislation would add a "mass transit employee" to the list of assaults that are classified as aggravated assaults under Section 2702.

Although SB 387 passed the Senate 42-8 on April 1, 2009, the House of Representatives failed to pass the bill prior to the end of the legislative session.

Assaults against mass transit employees have continued since the Senate passed SB 387 as current law provides little deterrent. We must make it clear that we take **any** assault of a mass transit worker seriously.

Senate Bill 387 was cosponsored by Senators Hughes, Fontana, Tomlinson, Rafferty, Browne, Erickson, Stack, and Costa.

Please consider co-sponsoring this important legislation by contacting Sherry Hess in Senator Tartaglione's Office at 705-7036 or shess@pasenate.com.