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**TO:** ALL SENATORS

**FROM:** Senator Jane C. Orie

**DATE:** December 22, 2010

**RE:** Prohibition on Law Enforcement Residence Requirements and the Repeal of the Residency Requirement found in Act 265 - Regulating Police in Second Class Cities.

I plan on re-introducing legislation that would prohibit any municipality, including cities, boroughs, and townships, from imposing a residency requirement on law enforcement police officers – Senate Bill 999 from last session. This proposal does not affect any state residency or US Citizenship requirements. Neither will it apply to a collective bargaining agreement in effect on or before the effective date of the act. Last session's co-sponsors of Senate Bill 999 were Senators: LOGAN, RAFFERTY, TARTAGLIONE, FONTANA, FARNESE, PIPPY, ALLOWAY, STACK and WARD.

I will also be re-introducing a second bill to repeal language in Act 265 of 1951 which regulates police in second class cities. This act was amended in 1990 to require Pittsburgh city police to reside in the city. Prior to that time the city had the discretionary authority to adopt a residency requirement by ordinance. This discretionary authority was repealed and replaced with a residency requirement for the Pittsburgh city police, in state law. Last session's co-sponsors of Senate Bill 988 were Senators: FONTANA, LOGAN, TARTAGLIONE, RAFFERTY, PIPPY, ALLOWAY, STACK and WARD.

Many times such residency requirements can be a difficult burden for law enforcement officers and these bills will help alleviate the burdens imposed on individuals who are risking their safety everyday to protect the communities they serve.

Should you wish to co-sponsor either of these bills, please contact Kacie Morrell at 787-6538 or by email at [kmorrell@pasen.gov](mailto:kmorrell@pasen.gov).

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