

## MEMORANDUM

To: All House Members  
From: Representative Dom Costa  
Date: December 30, 2010  
RE: Blue Alert System Legislation/Officer Down Advisory (former HB2629)

In the near future, I will be reintroducing former House Bill 2629. This legislation was unanimously approved by the full House and would establish a Blue Alert System in Pennsylvania to aid in the apprehension of those suspected of killing or seriously injuring law enforcement officers.

The Blue Alert System, similar to the Amber Alert System, would use media broadcasts and messaging signs along highways to provide information identifying the vehicle of a suspected law enforcement officer's assailant. The quick delivery of this information would help to facilitate the speedy capture of a suspect.

Under Blue Alert, the following four criteria would be required to be met in order to activate the system:

- A law enforcement officer must have been killed or seriously injured by an offender;
- The investigating law enforcement agency must determine that the offender poses a serious risk or threat to the public and other law enforcement personnel;
- A detailed description of the offender's vehicle, vehicle tag, or partial tag must be available for broadcast to the public; and
- The investigating law enforcement agency of jurisdiction must recommend activation of Blue Alert.

Due to the success of Amber Alert, I believe that a similar system should be established to ensure the imminent capture of those suspected of killing or seriously injuring law enforcement officers. The establishment of this system, which has already been

implemented in other states, would help to protect our law enforcement officers and communities from violent criminals.

Prior Co-sponsors - VULAKOVICH, BARBIN, BARRAR, BELFANTI, BRENNAN, BRIGGS, BROWN, CALTAGIRONE, CARROLL, DALEY, DELOZIER, DeLUCA, DERMODY, DONATUCCI, FAIRCHILD, FARRY, GEORGE, GOODMAN, GRUCELA, HORNAMAN, KOTIK, KULA, LONGIETTI, MAHONEY, MANN, MATZIE, MUSTIO, M. O'BRIEN, O'NEILL, PALLONE, PARKER, PAYNE, READSHAW, ROCK, SABATINA, SANTARSIERO, SIPTROTH, SWANGER, J. TAYLOR, R. TAYLOR, WAGNER, WHITE, YOUNGBLOOD, GEIST AND CASORIO

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact Maribel Echevarria at 717-783-9114 or [mechevar@pahouse.net](mailto:mechevar@pahouse.net). Thank you for your time.