

MEMORANDUM

TO: All House Members

FROM: Rep. Dom Costa

DATE: December 30, 2010

SUBJECT: Co-Sponsorship – Possession of Contraband in Correctional Facilities (former HB1053)

In the near future I plan to reintroduce House Bill 1053 that would strengthen the penalties for an individual who has or obtains contraband materials while in a correctional institution, mental hospital, youth development center or other facility for the detention or incarceration of individuals pursuant to court order.

Specifically, this legislation doubles the range of available fines for all grades of offenses in the Commonwealth. In addition, this legislation adds “implements of escape or dangerous material” to the statute and increases penalties upon conviction. Lastly, the penalties for delivering contraband to an incarcerated individual are also increased.

I believe this legislation will help to make our corrections facilities safer and more secure for both corrections officers and incarcerated individuals. I hope that you will join with me in co-sponsoring this important legislation. Please contact Maribel Echevarria in my office at 783-9114 or at mechevar@pahouse.net.

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