

MEMORANDUM

To: All House Members

From: Representative Wagner
109 Irvis Office Building

Date: December 16, 2010

Subject: Co-Sponsorship – Legislation to provide funding for Child Abuse Prevention

In the near future, I am planning to re-introduce legislation (House Bill 1586 of 2009) that would provide additional funding for the prevention of child abuse and neglect. Specifically, this bill would amend the Children's Trust Fund Act to increase the fee on a marriage license from \$10.00 to \$35.00, and to increase the fee on a divorce filing from \$10.00 to \$25.00, for child abuse prevention programs.

As you may know, the Children's Trust Fund was created as a special, non-lapsing fund to serve as a funding source for community-based children's programs and services for child abuse and neglect prevention. The demand for child abuse prevention initiatives has increased while funding for the Children's Trust Fund has remained stable since its inception in 1988.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact Johnathan Detrick at jdetrick@pahouse.net.