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TO: All House Members

FROM: Representative Ronald Marsico

RE: Megan's Law Legislation – Mandatory Minimums

When we return to session, I am introducing legislation designed to further protect our children from sexual predators.

House Bill 1926 of the 2009-2010 Session contained amendments to Megan's Law which were necessitated by a number of court cases. The bill addressed homeless offenders, those offenders who registered under so-called "Megan's Law I" and out-of-state offenders moving into Pennsylvania who had to register for a lifetime in their home states. Unfortunately, the governor vetoed House Bill 1926.

The legislation I am introducing deals with the mandatory minimum sentences currently found in Megan's Law, which the General Assembly amended into House Bill 1926. Under Megan's Law, mandatory minimum sentences exist for those who fail to register, be photographed, or provide accurate information to the Pennsylvania State Police. As with House Bill 1926, my bill would add the new registrants (homeless offenders and those registering under "Megan's Law I") to the existing law regarding mandatory minimum sentences.

If you would like to co-sponsor this bill, please contact Anna or Michelle at 783-2014 or via e-mail at mmoore@pahousegop.com. Thank you.