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M E M O

TO: All House Members
FROM: Representative Ronald Marsico
RE: Megan's Law Legislation – Commonwealth vs. Arroyo

As you know, the governor vetoed House Bill 1926, which represented changes made to Megan's Law due to a number of court cases, including Commonwealth vs. Arroyo. When the new session begins, I will introduce legislation to address this case.

The Superior Court held in Commonwealth vs. Arroyo that the criminal penalties for failing to register under Megan's Law did not apply to out-of-state offenders moving into Pennsylvania who had to register for a lifetime in their home states. My legislation will "overturn" Commonwealth vs. Arroyo.

Mr. Arroyo was convicted of committing rape in New York State. He was subject to registration under Megan's Law in New York State, but failed to register with the Pennsylvania State Police upon establishing residence here. When arrested for failure to register, Mr. Arroyo argued that Megan's Law did not apply to him. The Superior Court agreed.

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.