

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Members of the House of Representatives

FROM: Rep. Matt Bradford

DATE: January 3, 2011

SUBJECT: Reintroduction of Legislation

In the near future, I plan to reintroduce legislation which will provide for additional funding for domestic violence & rape victims services.

According to a report released by the National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV), in one day last year, Pennsylvania's 61 domestic violence programs serviced 2,597 victims and their children. This proposed legislation directs health care practitioners and law enforcement agencies to track and report incidents of alleged domestic violence which will be submitted annually to the Department of Health and the Department of Public Welfare, respectively. Additionally, this proposed legislation will amend current statute by imposing upon persons convicted of these crimes a fifteen dollar (\$15) fine - an increase of \$5 over the current amount of \$10. Fines are to be paid to the State Treasurer and deposited into the General Fund for the purpose of financing services for victims of domestic violence and rape.

You may recall that this bill was introduced in 2008 as House Bill 2619. Cosponsors at that time included Representatives Brennan, Conklin, DePasquale, Frankel, Bennington, Longiotti, McGeehan, Solobay, Gingrich, Goodman, Mann, Murt, Siptroth, and Mahoney.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact Frank Iannuzzi at fiannuzz@pahouse.net or at (717) 772-2572 (Democratic Caucus 6628). Thank you.