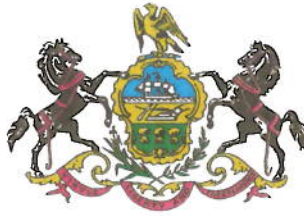


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TO: All Senators

DATE: December 20, 2010

FROM: Senator Michael J. Stack *MJS*

SUBJECT: Co-Sponsorship

In the near future, **I will reintroduce three bills** to protect law enforcement officers and their families. The first bill, **Senate Bill 500 of the 2009-10 Session**, was introduced in response to the murder of Sergeant Stephen Liczbinski, of the 24th Police District in Philadelphia. He was fatally shot Saturday, May 3, 2008 responding to a robbery call at a local bank. He followed the robbers until one of them got out of their car and fired five shots from a Chinese SKS semi-automatic assault rifle fatally wounding Sergeant Liczbinski.

While, many of us may disagree about the availability of assault weapons, I think we can all agree that there should be stiff penalties for criminals that use assault weapons during the commission of crime. To address this issue, I will reintroduce legislation to provide a minimum 20-year prison sentence to anyone that uses a semi-automatic firearm during the commission of a crime. **Previous co-sponsors included Senators Alloway, Erickson, Fontana, Hughes, Rafferty, Stout, Tartaglione, Wozniak.**

**The second bill is SB 499 of the 2009-10 Session.** It would create a \$400,000 life insurance program for all law enforcement personnel. The program would be similar to the Service Members Group Life Insurance program that was created for members of the PA National Guard. Pennsylvania would pay the life insurance policy premiums for all full-time law enforcement personnel in Pennsylvania. The life insurance would be payable to the law enforcement officers' beneficiary if the law enforcement officer passes away in the line of duty. **Previous co-sponsors included Senators Alloway, Erickson, Ferlo, Fontana, Hughes, Leach, Logan, Orié, Rafferty, Stout, Wozniak.**

**The third bill is SB 498 of the 2009-10 Session.** It would amend the Emergency Law Enforcement Personnel Death Benefits Act to create a uniform death benefit for all law enforcement officers. The current benefit is limited to officers who are members of the Act 600 Pension Plans. The legislation would provide a \$250,000 death benefit to all law enforcement officers and other emergency workers who are killed in the line of duty. The death benefit would be adjusted annually for inflation. **Previous co-sponsors included Senators Alloway, Boscola, Costa, Erickson, Ferlo, Fontana, Hughes, Logan, O'Pake, Orié, Rafferty, Stout, Tartaglione, Waugh, Wozniak.**

If you have any questions or would like to co-sponsor the legislation, please call my office at 7-9608.