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TO: All Senators

DATE: December 20, 2010

FROM: Senator Michael J. Stack 

SUBJECT: Co-Sponsorship

I will reintroduce two bills from the 2009-10 Legislative Session. The bills will help and protect first responders.

The first bill, Senate Bill 822 from the 2009-10 Session, would provide a \$500 state income tax credit to professional and volunteer firefighters, law enforcement officers, emergency medical technicians, and members of ambulance services and rescue squads. The purpose of the legislation is to help organizations and municipalities attract volunteer and professional candidates for these important services. **Previous co-sponsors included Senators Farnese, Ferlo, Fontana, O'Pake, and Don White.**

The second bill, Senate Bill 823 from the 2009-10 Session, would add school police officers to the list of professionals covered by the Heart and Lung Act. This legislation ensures that school police officers receive the same benefits provided to other law enforcement officers. Under the act, law enforcement officers receive salary and health benefits if they are injured during the performance of their duties. **Previous co-sponsors included Senators Boscola, Costa, Farnese, Ferlo, Fontana, Hughes, Kasunic, Logan, Orié, Stout, Tartaglione, and Washington.**

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