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## Memorandum

**Date:** January 6, 2011  
**To:** All House Members  
**From:** Representative Paul I. Clymer *Paul*  
**RE:** Mandatory Ignition Interlock devices for first-time DUI Offenders  
(Previous HB 1006 of 2009)

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In the near future, I will be *reintroducing* legislation amending Title 75 (Vehicle Code) that calls for mandatory ignition-interlock devices for all first-time DUI offenders. Currently, the law only mandates these devices for second offenses and beyond. I think it is time to recognize that sometimes a second chance can cost an innocent person their life.

Under this law, which is similar to legislation introduced in the Senate, all first time DUI offenders will be subject to a mandatory ignition-interlock program. This bill adds a subsection for ignition-interlock program compliance that makes it illegal to tamper with such devices. In addition, there is an extension of 90 days in the program for any offender who fails the alcohol test needed to start the vehicle at least three times per monitor report. The monitor report must be completed every 60 days in the program.

Similar laws are already in place in 15 states, and are being considered in several more. According to studies cited by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, these states have seen their recidivism rates drop by as much 60 percent.

Last year there were more than 34,000 first time DUI offenders arrested in Pennsylvania and many of those will go on to be repeat offenders. By enacting preventative measures like this legislation, we can help save lives.

If you would like to cosponsor this important legislation, please contact Norma Aviles at 783-3154 or via GroupWise at [naviles@pahousegop.com](mailto:naviles@pahousegop.com).

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