



Senate of Pennsylvania

MEMO

TO: All Senators

DATE: December 10, 2010

FROM: Senator Lisa M. Boscola

SUBJECT: Co-sponsorship of Legislation

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In the near future, I intend to introduce legislation that would ban the sale of synthetic marijuana and salvia within the Commonwealth.

These drugs, which have been reported to have potentially harmful effects, are legally available over the Internet and in some retail stores. The use of synthetic cannabinoids, or synthetic marijuana, has resulted in numerous emergency room visits for teens and children. The drug salvia has been reported to cause the death of a Delaware teenager who committed suicide after using the hallucinogen which he purchased via the Internet. The use of these drugs is increasing, especially among young adults and adolescents within our Commonwealth.

Other attempts have been made on the state and federal level to crack down on the use of these drugs that can be purchased over the counter. My legislation would ban both substances here in Pennsylvania.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact Julie Carraghan at my office at 7-4236 or via e-mail at [jcarraghan@pasenate.com](mailto:jcarraghan@pasenate.com).