



Senate of Pennsylvania

MEMO

TO: All Senators

DATE: December 10, 2010

FROM: Senator Lisa M. Boscola

SUBJECT: Co-sponsorship of Legislation

In the near future, I plan to reintroduce two pieces of legislation removing the statute of limitations for sexual abuse of children.

In cases of sexual abuse of children, the victims sometimes do not come forward and report the crime for many years or even into their adulthood. Because of our current statute of limitations, authorities often are not able to file any charges. In effect, Pennsylvania's statute of limitations serves to deny justice to the child victims and their families by not having accused sex offenders go through the judicial process within our Commonwealth and face their alleged charges.

One bill will remove the statute of limitations for criminal prosecution. The other bill will remove the statute of limitation for civil actions.

This is a reintroduction of Senate Bills 814 and 815 from the previous legislative session. Co-sponsors included Senators Washington, Erickson, Fontana, Rafferty, Kasunic, Tartaglione, Musto, Logan, Alloway and Hughes.

If you are interested in joining me as a co-sponsor of this important legislation, please contact Julie Carraghan in my office at 787-4236 or by e-mail at jcarraghan@pasenate.com.