

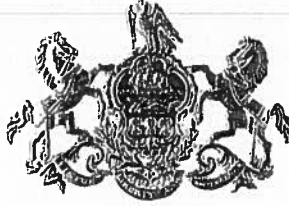
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MEMORANDUM

To: All Senators

From: Senator Jake Corman 

Date: January 25, 2011

RE: **Co-sponsorship memo # 9** – Licensure and Inspection of Abortion Facilities

In the near future I plan to introduce legislation which would provide for the licensing and annual inspection of abortion clinics located within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Last week, a doctor who operated an abortion facility in West Philadelphia was charged with eight counts of murder in the death of seven babies and one of his patients. His wife and eight employees were also charged in the case. The gruesome details of the alleged tragedies which took place for decades at the facility have been widely reported.

Pennsylvania law does not provide for licensing of abortion clinics or require annual inspections of the facilities. The abortion clinic in this case had not been inspected since 1993. The Commonwealth has an obligation to ensure that these facilities are providing the same safety measures required for all other healthcare facilities in the state. My legislation would require that all abortion facilities operating in the state be licensed by the Commonwealth. Minimum health and safety standards would have to be met in order for a facility to be granted a license. In addition, the Commonwealth would be mandated to perform annual inspections of each abortion facility before its license could be renewed.

If you would like to cosponsor this resolution, please contact Niki Gross in my office at 787-1377 or by email at ngross@pasen.gov.