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FROM: Senator Patricia H. Vance *PHV*

DATE: January 21, 2011

SUBJECT: #9 - Increased Oversight of Abortion Clinics

As a result of the recent murder charges against an abortion doctor in the Philadelphia area, I intend to introduce legislation to increase oversight of abortion clinics and give the Department of Health the explicit responsibility to close and sanction clinics in violation of health and safety standards.

This legislation will institute a statutory requirement for the Department of Health to register abortion clinics. It would also provide for protocols for investigating allegations of misconduct, standards for sanctioning facilities for failure to comply with plans of correction and departmental responsibility to immediately close a facility if warranted.

If you are interested in co-sponsoring this legislation or have any questions, please contact my office at 787-8524 or email Amy Bolze at abolze@pasen.gov.