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MEMORANDUM

TO: All House Members

FROM: Representative Thomas C. Creighton *TCC*

DATE: January 27, 2011

SUBJECT: Cosponsorship – Private Correctional Center
Community Notification Act

In the near future, I will be introducing the Private Correctional Center Community Notification Act.

The legislation is designed to provide notice and an opportunity to comment when a private entity plans to open a center to house inmates who will complete their sentences in the community. Specifically, the bill will require that members of the General Assembly receive notice of the proposed opening of such a facility, as well as require the operator to hold a public hearing.

Because the Department of Corrections does not have a contract with these private entities, the notice and hearing requirements of Act 65 of 2010 do not apply. Act 65 of 2010 requires notice and a chance to comment regarding a community corrections facility opening in a municipality, but only if the Department of Corrections has a contract with the facility.

If you would like to cosponsor this legislation, please contact Suzanne Stuck at ssstuck@pahousegop.com or 787-3879.