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MEMORANDUM

TO: All House Members

FROM: Representative Tina Davis *Tina M. Davis*
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DATE: January 28, 2011

SUBJECT: Legislation to broaden the scope and expand the powers and duties of the Office of Victim Advocate

In the near future, I intend to introduce legislation that would amend the Crime Victims Act to broaden the scope of the Office of the Victim Advocate. Under current law, the scope of the Office is narrowly defined as only representing the interests of crime victims before the PA Board of Probation and Parole and the Department of Corrections.

This legislation would clarify the Office of the Victim Advocate's role, expand its powers and duties to include representing the interests of crime victims before other government officials, and would allow the Office to represent and advocate for the interests of crime victims generally, including the victims of juvenile crimes. Victims of crimes deserve the full support of the Office of Victim Advocate, and I believe this legislation will better serve them and the citizens of our Commonwealth.

Should you wish to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact Debi Brady in my office at (717) 783-4903 or dbrady@pahouse.net.