

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Members of the House of Representatives

FROM: Representative Dom Costa

SUBJECT: Co-sponsorship -Aggravated Assault on Crossing Guards (former HB2087)

DATE: December 30, 2010

In the near future, I will reintroduce legislation House Bill 2087 that will amend §2702 (Aggravated Assaults) of Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to include crossing guards.

In June of this last year, a Pittsburgh crossing guard was assaulted by a woman while acting in her official capacity. The perpetrator was arrested and charged with aggravated assault by the District Attorney; however the Magistrate did not charge her because the crossing guard was not protected by the statute. As Title 18(Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes is currently worded, crossing guards are not included as individuals protected by the aggravated assault statute. In Pennsylvania, a school district, municipal government, or the police department may hire crossing guards. My legislation intends to provide these individuals, regardless of their employer or appointer, with the same protections from aggravated assault that police, school and municipal officials receive.

Therefore, I ask you to please join me as I introduce this important legislation. If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact Maribel Echevarria in my Harrisburg Office at (717) 783-9114 or via e-mail at mechevar@pahouse.net.

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