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TO: ALL HOUSE MEMBERS

**FROM: REP. MATT BAKER, MAJORITY CHAIRMAN
HEALTH COMMITTEE**

DATE: FEBRUARY 1, 2011

**RE: INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION-
ABORTION CLINICS – PATIENT SAFETY**

I would like to cordially invite you to co-sponsor legislation that will adopt recommendations into law proffered by the Grand Jury aimed at much needed patient safety at Pennsylvania Abortion Clinics.

By now we have all heard about Dr. Gosnell at the Women's Medical Society in Philadelphia and the atrocities that have been committed against babies and women in the Commonwealth. The Grand Jury report has provided us with insight into the lack of oversight exercised by the Department of Health. This can simply never happen again. The health and safety of all women in the Commonwealth is of fundamental importance. To that end, I plan on introducing legislation that will:

- Include abortion facilities in the definition of health care facilities. This would subject abortion facilities to the same safety standards, the personnel and equipment requirements and the quality assurance procedures to which an ambulatory surgical center is subject.
- Provide a consistent means for inspecting these facilities to ensure every surgical center is sanitary and the patients served there are receiving the highest level of care.
- And finally, provide the Dept. of Health a range of remedies for those facilities that are not in compliance with the regulations.

If you are interested in cosponsoring this legislation, please contact Gina Strine in my office at 772-5769 or via email at Gstrine@pahousegop.com