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TO: All Senators

FROM: Senator Anthony H. Williams

SUBJECT: Co-sponsorship of Legislation - **Website Witness Protection Act**

In the near future I will be reintroducing Senate Bill 111 from the 2009 – 2010 legislative session. This legislation will make the internet publication of the identity of individuals who are serving or have served as a witness in a criminal investigation a second-degree felony in the Commonwealth. This legislation is in response to the growing practice of various websites publishing the names and/or identities of individuals who have been witnesses in criminal cases. Publication of such information has been an apparent attempt to intimidate future witnesses from testifying or to encourage retaliation against past witnesses and their families.

Previous co-sponsors of this legislation include Senators Washington, Fontana, Tartaglione, Stack, Rafferty, M. White, Alloway, Browne, O’Pake and Leach.

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