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TO: All Senators

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SUBJECT: Co-Sponsorship of legislation: **Decedent's Life Insurance Protection**

In the near future, I plan on reintroducing Senate Bill 1178 from the 2009 – 2010 legislative session. This legislation will amend Title 20 (Decedent's, Estates and Fiduciaries) by imposing a duty on the Insurance Department to provide a decedent's life insurance information to a licensed funeral director.

Currently, less fortunate families have to wait for the pay out of the proceeds from a life insurance policy before proceeding with funeral arrangements. This legislation will allow funeral home directors to contact insurance agencies directly regarding the deceased's life insurance policy, providing the funeral homes with immediate answers. This will also allow for the family of the deceased to know if the life insurance policy will cover the funeral expenses and whether other arrangements need to be made.

This legislation will provide immediate answers for funeral directors, and help families proceed with the arrangements for their recently deceased loved ones. Also, with the knowledge of the proceeds, families will have less stress during this time and be able to grieve with one less worry.

Previous co-sponsors of this legislation include Senators Tartaglione, Farnese, Washington, Hughes, Costa and Ward.

If you would like to cosponsor this legislation, please contact my office at 787-5970 or email Donald Gordon, Esq. at dgordon@pasenate.com.