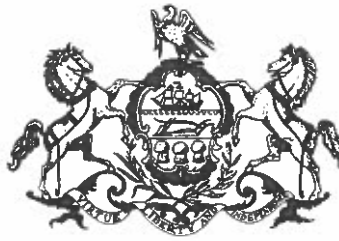


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MEMORANDUM

TO: MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
FROM: REPRESENTATIVE GERALD MULLERY
DATE: FEBRUARY 11, 2011
SUBJECT: Legislation amending the Crime Victims Act

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "G. Mullery".

In the near future, I intend to introduce legislation to amend the Crime Victims Act (Act 111 of 1998) in order to clarify the right of crime victims to appear and **present testimony** at parole hearings.

As you may know, the Crime Victims Act established an Office of Victim Advocate (OVA) to represent the interest of crime victims before the Department of Corrections and the Pennsylvania Board of Probation and Parole, as well as for the appointment of a Victim Advocate to advance the interest of victims and crime. The OVA is also tasked with notifying crime victims of parole dates, providing victims with an opportunity to submit pre-parole statements of their concerns and recommendations related to an inmate's parole plan, and to appear in person before the board or hearing examiner, or, alternatively, present testimony by conference call during parole hearings. My legislation would clarify the right of crime victims and their relatives to appear in person and present testimony before the person or body that oversees a parole hearing.

Should you wish to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact Jo-Ann Bucher in my office at (717) 783-4893/ Ext. 6206 or jbucher@pahouse.net.
Thank You.