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Senate of Pennsylvania

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TO: All Senators
FROM: Senator John R. Gordner **JRG**
SUBJECT: Legislation on Philadelphia County Grand Jury Recommendations

I intend to introduce legislation to increase the statute of limitations for criminal prosecutions in the cases of Infanticide and Abortions of Unborn Children of 24 weeks or more of gestational age.

Current law provides for a two year statute of limitations on such prosecutions. My legislation will provide for a five year limitation in the case of a violation of Section 3211 of the Crimes Code, relating to abortion of an unborn child of 24 weeks of more of gestational age. Further, there will be no time limitation for prosecution of Section 3212 of the Crimes Code, relating to Infanticide.

Both of these time limitations are consistent with current law relating to offenses against unborn children, and have been recommended by the Philadelphia District Attorney and the Philadelphia County Grand Jury investigating the case of the Women's Medical Society.

If you wish to cosponsor this legislation, please contact my office at 787-8928.