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MEMORANDUM

TO: All House Members

FROM: The Honorable Vanessa Lowery Brown 

DATE: February 15, 2011

RE: Proposed Legislation -- Requiring warning labels on cellular telephones

In the near future, I will be introducing legislation that requires warning labels on cellular telephones.

Specifically, the legislation creates the Children's Wireless Protection Act. The first provision mandated under the Act states that a manufacturer of cellular telephones may not sell at retail within the Commonwealth, a cellular telephone unless both the cellular telephone and its packaging bear a non-removable warning label that is legible, located in a prominent place, and is not obscured by other written matter. Second, the Act also requires that all stores, retailers, and businesses that sell cellular telephones for profit, to prominently and conspicuously display signs, brochures, leaflets, and other paraphernalia bearing the warning label. Third, non-conformity with this Act allows the Attorney General, the authority to order the recall and replacement of the cellular telephone or the authority to order that the cellular telephone be brought into conformity with the requirements of the Act.

Ultimately, the impetus behind my bill is to educate and alert the citizens of this great Commonwealth about the possible health dangers that have been linked to microwave radiation emitted by cellular telephones and the steps that can be taken to mitigate these dangers especially, as they relate to children under the age of thirteen (13) and pregnant women.

With these concerns in mind, if you would like join me by co-sponsoring this legislation please contact Takesha Latham in my office at (717) 783-3822, direct ext. x6564, or via email at TLatham@pahouse.net