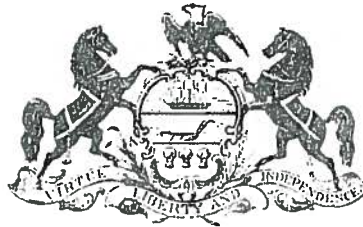


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MEMORANDUM

Subject: Draft Legislation – Drug Trafficking Offenses
To: All House Members
From: Representative Thomas P. Murt

I am planning to introduce legislation which will amend the Crimes Code provisions by increasing the mandatory sentences for first and subsequent drug trafficking offenses.

The trafficking of illegal drugs is a complex threat which imperils our communities in a variety of ways. The presence of illegal drugs in our communities jeopardizes the health, safety, and welfare of all citizens. The infiltration of illegal drugs is not just a problem in our major cities, it transcends every social, ethnic and economic demographic in our society. It provides crime syndicates with profits and fuels a multitude of other crimes such as robbery, murder, money laundering, racketeering, gambling and prostitution.

I plan on introducing legislation increasing the mandatory minimum sentences for drug trafficking offenses involving significant amounts of cocaine, methamphetamine, and heroin.

If you would like to join me in sponsoring this bill, please e-mail Amy Bossart at ABossart@pahousegop.com.

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