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Memorandum

Date: February 21, 2011

TO: All House Members

FROM: Rep. Mark Longietti

SUBJECT: Legislation providing for penalties for the offense of participation in a criminal street gang and creating the Criminal Street Gang Prevention Fund

Because criminal street gang activity is increasing at alarming rates in many communities, I intend to introduce legislation that would establish the offense of participation as a "criminal street gang member," as well as define "criminal street gang activity." This legislation also provides penalties for anyone convicted of this offense.

In addition, this legislation also creates The Criminal Street Gang Prevention Fund whereby any assets, profits, proceeds and instrumentalities acquired, accumulated or used to facilitate criminal street gang activity may be seized and sold by District Attorneys. The proceeds shall then be deposited in The Criminal Street Gang Prevention Fund and may be used to reimburse law enforcement costs, fund community-based drug and crime-fighting programs, or can be used for relocation and protection of witnesses in criminal cases.

If you care to join me in co-sponsoring this legislation, please contact Bob Brownawell at 772-4035 or rbrownaw@pahouse.net.

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