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TO: Members of the House of Representatives

FROM: Representative Margo Davidson

DATE: February 23, 2011

SUBJECT: Request for Co-Sponsorship of School Safety Legislation

In the near future, I will be introducing legislation that seeks to improve school safety. My legislation would give the Pennsylvania Department of Education's Office for Safe Schools the power and duty to develop telephone hotlines that ensure the anonymity of callers.

These hotlines could be used especially by students, but also by any other member of the community, to report dangerous situations involving schools to the appropriate authorities. While it is not uncommon for students to know about the potential for violent events before they occur, they often don't share the information because they are afraid. This anonymous hotline removes that threat. Similar programs have been created in various other states such as Alabama, Colorado, and Michigan.

I hope that you will join with me to help foster a safer learning environment for all children by co-sponsoring this important legislation. Please contact Deb Bricker in my office at 705-2048 or at DBricker@pahouse.net.