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**Senate of Pennsylvania**

**TO: All Senators**

**FROM: Senator Timothy J. Solobay**

**SUBJECT: Cosponsorship - Gun owner rights.**

**DATE: January 25, 2011**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'T. Solobay', written over a horizontal line.

In the near future, I will be introducing legislation aimed at protecting the rights of law-abiding gun owners in declared states of disaster emergencies.

As you will recall, in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, many residents of New Orleans legally armed themselves to protect their lives and property from the ensuing civil disorder. With no way to call for help, and with the police unable to respond, firearms were the only way citizens could defend themselves against the looters, arsonists, and violent criminals who preyed on innocent law-abiding citizens. However, when these citizens needed their firearms most, the New Orleans Police Superintendent ordered firearms confiscated under a state of emergency powers law.

Unfortunately, Pennsylvania has a law similar to one that allowed the New Orleans Police Superintendent to seize lawfully-owned weapons. The legislation I intend to introduce will forbid the Commonwealth from seizing legally-held firearms. My legislation is aimed at allowing citizens to exercise their right to bear arms should disaster strike, thus allowing them to protect themselves, their property, their families and their neighbors when they are all most vulnerable.

If you are interested in co-sponsoring this legislation, please contact Mary at [mflaherty@pasenate.com](mailto:mflaherty@pasenate.com) or by phone at 787-1463.

Thank you.