

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the House of Representatives

FROM: **REP. SID MICHAELS KAVULICH**

DATE: March 1, 2011

SUBJECT: Request for Co-sponsorship - Notification of College Underage Drinking

In the near future, I plan to introduce legislation that would require colleges and universities to notify parents or guardians of students who are caught drinking underage. Furthermore, my legislation would require the campus officer or employee to report such activity to the designated office of the institution of higher education.

There is little doubt that underage drinking has reached epidemic proportions throughout Pennsylvania. According to the John Hopkin's Bloomberg School of Public Health over 5,000 US children under the age of 16 have their first full drink of alcohol – 18 and 24 die because of alcohol misuse. Research has demonstrated that parents can have a significant influence on their children's drinking habits. Seeking parents' intervention can bolster anti-drinking efforts and help save lives.

I hope that you will join with me in co-sponsoring this important legislation. Please contact Debbie Wegert in my office at (717) 783-4874 or via e-mail at dwegert@pahouse.net.