

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Members of the House of Representatives

FROM: Representative Jewell Williams

DATE: February 17, 2011

RE: Co-sponsorship: Hospital Personnel Reporting of Elderly Abuse

In the near future, I plan to re-introduce legislation amending the Older Adults Protective Services Act to make further provisions for hospital personnel reporting suspected elder abuse.

My legislation will clarify the process for hospital personnel and administrators to follow if they suspect that an elderly patient is the victim of sexual abuse, serious physical or bodily injury, or suspicious death. Additionally, it will require hospital administrators to report allegations of abuse to the area agency on aging and, under certain circumstances, to law enforcement officials.

If you would like to join me in co-sponsoring this important measure, please contact Ashley Jere' Roach via e-mail at aroach@pahouse.net. Thank you.