

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Members of the House of Representatives

FROM: Representative Chelsa Wagner

DATE: March 22, 2011

SUBJECT: **Legislation: Constable Access to J-Net**

In the near future, I will introduce legislation that will grant magisterial district judges the authority to provide constables with access to Pennsylvania's Justice Network.

Pennsylvania's Justice Network (J-Net) is the Commonwealth's primary public safety and criminal justice information network. Its integrated justice portal provides a common online environment for authorized users to access public safety and criminal justice information including photographs, arrest records, residence information and employment data. Currently, constables are asked to serve court-ordered documents with very little information regarding who they will be serving. For some time, constables have been asking for access to J-Net in order to ensure the efficient service of court documents while guaranteeing their own safety. By granting District Magisterial Judges the authority to allow constables access to information contained within J-Net, we will be providing constables with the information they need and the safety they deserve, while also maintaining privacy safeguards by keeping this resource under the control of District Judges.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact Johnathan Detrick in my Harrisburg Office at jdetrick@pahouse.net.