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TO: All Senators
FROM: John C. Rafferty, Jr.
RE: Co-sponsorship

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John C. Rafferty, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

In the very near future, I will be introducing legislation which will require the use of helmets for children 12 years of age or younger while that child is involved in a winter sporting activity at any commercial venue or recreational facility that is designed and utilized for that purpose. My legislation will require the use of a helmet while a child is sledding, skiing or snowboarding at that facility.

Every year, thousands of children nationwide are injured while involved in winter sporting activities. According to the National Safety Council, emergency rooms nationwide treat 33,000 sledding injuries every year. Furthermore, the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons recommends that children under 12 wear helmets while sledding.

If you wish to co-sponsor this legislation, please e-mail Sean Moll at smoll@pasen.gov or contact him by phone at (717) 783-0192.

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