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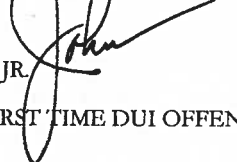
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### INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

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TO: ALL SENATORS

FROM: SENATOR JOHN C. RAFFERTY, JR. 

SUBJECT: IGNITION-INTERLOCK FOR FIRST TIME DUI OFFENDERS

DATE: 5/9/2011

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In the near future I will be introducing legislation making the ignition-interlock program mandatory for first-time DUI offenders and reducing their suspension requirements.

Research shows there are over 30,000 first-time DUI offenders each year, and that a substantial number will violate the terms of their license suspension and become repeat offenders.

This bill appropriately punishes those who are convicted of driving under the influence, while increasing public safety by making sure those who have shown poor judgment are not able to drive if they have had too much to drink. Similar laws are in place in 15 states, and according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, recidivism rates have dropped by as much as 60 percent.

If you would like to cosponsor this important legislation, please contact Sean Moll of my staff at 787-1398.