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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Members of the House of Representatives

FROM: Representative P. Michael Sturla, Chairman
House Democratic Policy Committee

DATE: June 9, 2011

SUBJECT: Co-Sponsorship of Legislation – Funding for State Police Cadet Training – Memo 15

In the near future, I will be introducing legislation to redirect fine monies, currently collected for certain Title 75 violations, to the Pennsylvania State Police (PSP) for cadet training.

As you may know, funding in recent state budgets has been inadequate to provide for PSP cadet training classes. At this time, the PSP does not have its full complement of troopers allowed by law. With several hundred troopers expected to retire in each of the upcoming years, law enforcement in our Commonwealth is on the verge of a crisis according to the Pennsylvania State Troopers Association (PSTA).

My legislation would help to avert the impending crisis by establishing a funding source for future cadet training classes. It would do so by redirecting fine monies resulting from PSP enforcement of certain Title 75 violations from those municipalities that do not have a municipal police department or a contract with a neighboring municipality for a regional police department or local police services.

I firmly believe we as the General Assembly must enact this legislation to better protect the public, and provide the men and women of the PSP, who put their lives on the line every day to protect our communities, with the necessary financial support they need to do their jobs.

If you are interested in co-sponsoring this important legislation, please contact Michelle Bohnke by email (mbohnke@pahouse.net) or phone at 787-3555.