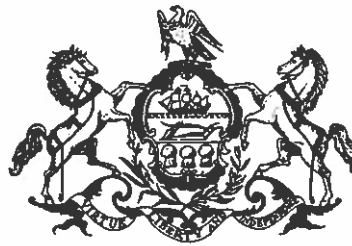


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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the House of Representatives

FROM: Representative Neal P. Goodman and Representative Ronald G. Waters

DATE: May 26, 2011

SUBJECT: Co-sponsorship of Legislation - Prohibit Private Companies from Operating Correctional Facilities

In the near future, we will be introducing legislation that was introduced last session to prohibit private companies from operating state correctional facilities in Pennsylvania.

Like Pennsylvania, states across the nation are grappling with significant budget deficits and are looking at prison costs as a major target for reductions. Some are even turning to privatization of prisons as a way to trim budgets. Florida, for example, is considering turning over as many as 14 prisons to private companies in hopes of saving money.

We have major concerns about such proposals and do not think privatization of prisons should be an option in Pennsylvania. The potential for problems is too great, particularly in the areas of security and the safety of the public, as well as oversight of Pennsylvania tax dollars. For these reasons, we are introducing this bill to prohibit the privatization of any state correctional facility in Pennsylvania.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact Linda Reed at lreed@pahouse.net or 787-2798.