

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the House of Representatives

FROM: Representative Chelsa Wagner

DATE: August 24, 2011

SUBJECT: **Co-Sponsorship of Legislation**

In the near future, I plan to reintroduce House Bill 18 of 2009-10, which would allow retired police officers to return to work part-time or substitute up to 800 hours per year without losing retirement benefits.

With police departments stretched thin and municipal budgets stretched thinner, our communities can realize great benefits from part-time help from retired officers in areas such as traffic control, community relations and clerical work, freeing active officers to better deter and investigate serious crime.

Current law states that officers cannot collect a pension and collect pay from the same government entity. The legislation I will be introducing would amend the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement Law by allowing retired officers who receive a pension to work part-time with no additional benefits while still collecting their pension.

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If you would like to join me in co-sponsoring this legislation, please contact Johnathan Detrick in my office at JDetrick@pahouse.net.