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REPLY TO:

TO:

All Senators

DATE: September 12, 2011

FROM:

Senator Christine M. Tartaglione

Christine M. Fastaglione

SUBJECT:

Co-sponsorship of Resolution:

September as National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month

I intend to introduce a Resolution observing the month of September as "National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness" in Pennsylvania.

September is National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month, which provides an opportunity to educate the public about spinal cord injury, encourage medical research and honor Americans living with a spinal cord injury.

More than 240,000 Americans, including 44,000 veterans, currently suffer from a spinal cord injury. Eleven thousand more sustain these injuries every year. The Department of Veterans Affairs promotes National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month as a means to educate the public, aid those living with a spinal cord injury, and support medical research in the spinal cord injury field.

The Buoniconti Fund, as many of you know is a group I've been honored to work with since my spinal cord injury, is launching its largest effort designed to challenge people across the country to help us find a cure for paralysis. The goal of the campaign is to ask "Will you stand up for those who Can't?"

If you would like to join me in co-sponsoring this resolution of great personal interest to me, please contact my office at 787-1141 or e-mail Sherry Hess at shess@pasenate.com.