



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
HARRISBURG

MEMORANDUM

TO: All House Members

FROM: Representative Jennifer L. Mann, Democratic Caucus Secretary *JLM*

DATE: September 21, 2011

SUBJECT: Legislation regarding Assault Against Mass Transit Employees

In the near future I intend to introduce legislation which would amend Title 18, further providing for aggravated assault by adding "mass transit employee" to the list of assaults designated as aggravated assaults in Section 2702. This legislation is a companion piece to Senate Bill 236, which previously passed the Senate with bipartisan approval.

Assaults against mass transit employees have increased in the past several years across the state, and current law has not served as an adequate deterrent from these harmful crimes. Pennsylvania must take a stronger stance against such action. I believe this legislation will better protect those workers at risk, and will send a message to those tempted to commit such a crime that an assault on a mass transit employee will be taken seriously.

Because I believe in the importance of protecting our Commonwealth's citizens, I hope you will join me in co-sponsoring this legislation by contacting Kira Zickler in my office via email at kzickler@pahouse.net