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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Members of the House of Representatives

FROM: Representative William F. Keller *WFK*
332 Main Capitol Building

DATE: October 4, 2011

SUBJECT: Co-sponsorship of Legislation – Possession of a Firearm by Individuals on Probation or Parole

I will soon be introducing legislation to establish stronger penalties for individuals who are found to possess a firearm while on probation or parole.

Under current law, individuals who have been convicted of a number of serious crimes are already prohibited from possessing a firearm in Pennsylvania. My legislation would increase the severity of this offense by ensuring that offenders who break this law while they are serving probation or parole will face additional prison time.

Specifically, my bill would amend Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses), §6105 (Persons not to possess, use, manufacture, control, sell or transfer firearms) to require that any person who is convicted of possessing a firearm in violation of §6105 and who is on probation or parole will be subject to a sentencing enhancement with consecutive sentencing.

I believe that this legislation will effectively discourage many repeat offenders and help to prevent numerous violent or gun-related crimes that may otherwise occur. I hope you will join me in co-sponsoring this important measure.

If you would like to be added as a co-sponsor, please contact Kelly Minito in my office at 787-5774 or via email at kminito@pahouse.net. Thank you.