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MEMORANDUM

DATE:

November 17, 2011

TO:

ALL HOUSE MEMBERS

FROM:

REPRESENTATIVE LOUISE WILLIAMS BISHOP

SUBJECT:

Co-Sponsorship of Legislation: Amending the Right to Bail

In the near future, I plan to introduce legislation that will amend the Right to Bail (Title 43 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes) Law to exclude persons who have been charged with capital offenses, offenses for which the maximum sentence is life imprisonment or for sexual abuse of children.

Due to the recent exposure of alleged events surrounding a former employee of the Pennsylvania State University, I find it imperative that we take immediate actions to secure the safety of the community when the proof is evident or of great presumption.

This legislation would further enhance our abilities to not only make our communities safer, but also allow us do what is necessary to protect the most vulnerable in our communities; our children. Please join me in my efforts to make the Commonwealth a safer place for both children and adults.

If you are interested in co-sponsoring this needed critical legislation, please contact Heather via email hwalsh@pahouse.net or phone 717-783-2192. Thank you.