

MEMORANDUM

TO: All House Members November 18, 2011

FROM: Representative Tony DeLuca

SUBJECT: Resolution for US Special Counsel Regarding Penn State Child Sex Abuse Scandal

In light of the many questions surrounding the investigation of current and former Penn State officials and employees – particularly why it took the Attorney General’s Office so long to arrest Jerry Sandusky, the former football coach now accused of sexually molesting young boys on Penn State’s main campus. I will shortly be introducing a resolution urging the US Attorney General to appoint a Special Counsel to investigate the PA Attorney General’s handling of this appalling set of circumstances. The resolution will also ask the US Attorney General to investigate whether Sandusky violated Federal law by taking minors across state lines and sexually molesting them when they were out of state.

As Matt Millen, former Nittany Lion defensive lineman and ESPN announcer, said “If we can’t protect our kids, we as a society are pathetic.” I say to you that if our highest law enforcement agency isn’t capable of protecting our kids, that is more than just pathetic – it’s criminal.

Why did the Attorney General’s Office, with credible eyewitness accounts of misconduct by Sandusky in hand, wait so long to arrest him? How many more vulnerable children did he come in contact with while the Attorney General’s Office dragged its feet on this? Did they not assign adequate resources to the case? If so, why not? Was it merely lack of funding and resources or was something more nefarious going on?

The citizens of the Commonwealth – not to mention the victims and their families – deserve answers to these questions. Clearly, there is no State agency independent enough to competently take on this investigation and that is why we must urge Federal law enforcement officials to act.

Please join me in this important endeavor by contacting Linda Dolfi at ldolfi@pahouse.net or by calling 783-1011 to cosponsor this resolution.