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MEMORANDUM

DATE:

December 6, 2011

TO:

Members of the House of Representatives

FROM:

Rep. Dan Deasy

SUBJECT:

Co-Sponsorship: Pennsylvania Attorney General Mandated Reporter Law

This week, I will be introducing legislation that would require the Pennsylvania Office of the Attorney General to refer leads on thousands of child abusers and child pornography traffickers to appropriate local law enforcement agencies and to assist those agencies with investigation and prosecution. Specifically, my bill would require the Attorney General to:

- Report all suspected criminals seen trafficking in child abuse images to local law enforcement agencies within 24 hours
- Assist law enforcement task forces in getting those leads from existing databases out to local jurisdictions
- Assist local jurisdictions with investigations, child victim identification, forensic analysis and prosecution

It also would require the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare to assist law enforcement in identifying all possible child victims, requiring that law enforcement serve as the lead investigating agency.

The mandated reporter bill is the first installment of "Alicia's Law," which will also provide increased funding for local and state law enforcement. This law is named after Alicia Kozakiewicz, a constituent of mine who was abducted at age 13 by a sadistic sexual predator. Alicia's Law has been passed in Virginia, the state where she was held captive as a child.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact Louise in my Harrisburg office at 772-8187 or email her at lkoppenh@pahouse.net.