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TO: All Senators

FROM: Senator Richard Alloway II 

SUBJECT: **Co-sponsorship Memo – Amending Game and Wildlife Code (Title 34) to ensure landowners allowing hunting on their property are not subject to prosecution for Code violations committed by the hunters whom the landowner has allowed to hunt.**

DATE: January 27, 2012

In the near future, I will be introducing legislation to amend the Game and Wildlife Code (Title 34) to ensure landowners allowing hunting on their property are not subject to prosecution for Code violations committed by the hunters whom the landowner has allowed to hunt.

Section 924 of the Code provides that a person “who causes” another to act in violation of the Code is also culpable for any Code violation that the actor commits. This section has been cited as the legal basis in attempts to hold land owners who merely allowed hunting on the landowner’s property legally responsible for violations actually committed by the hunters.

My legislation would amend Section 924 to expressly recognize landowners’ gracious decision to allow hunting on their property does not place the landowner at risk of legal responsibility for Game and Wildlife Code violations which those authorized hunters have committed.

If you are interested in co-sponsoring this legislation, please contact Melissa Knepper at mknepper@pasen.gov or by phone at 772-2929.