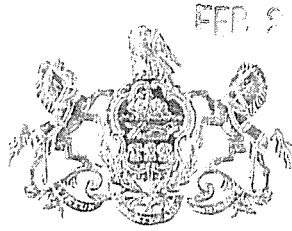


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**TO:** All Senators

**FROM:** Senator Jane C. Orie  
Senator Bob Mensch

**DATE:** February 27, 2012

**SUBJECT:** Child Abuse Prevention Month (April)

We will soon be reintroducing a resolution recognizing April as “Child Abuse Prevention Month” in Pennsylvania.

Each year, more than one million children in the United States are documented as victims of child abuse. And unfortunately, the biggest headlines over the past year came from the scandal at Penn State University. While the Commonwealth has taken many steps to address child abuse, this scandal has exposed additional areas that need to be tackled. As such, the General Assembly has formed a Task Force on Child Protection. This resolution is aimed at keeping our attention focused on child abuse. By reducing abuse, we will also help reduce school failure, criminality, drug and alcohol abuse and physical and psychological problems.

Last year, we introduced **SR 63**, cosponsored by Senators Alloway, Argall, Baker, Brewster, Browne, Brubaker, Costa, Dinniman, Earll, Erickson, Farnese, Ferlo, Folmer, Fontana, Greenleaf, Kasunic, Kitchen, Pileggi, Pippy, Rafferty, Robbins, Solobay, Tartaglione, Tomlinson, Vance, Vogel, Ward, Washington, Waugh, D. White, Wozniak, Yaw, and Yudichak.

Please join us in cosponsoring this resolution by contacting Monica Armstrong of Sen. Orie’s Office at 717-787-6538 or [marmstrong@pasen.gov](mailto:marmstrong@pasen.gov)

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