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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** All House Members

**FROM:** Representative Thomas Murt *T. P. M.*

**DATE:** March 20, 2012

**SUBJECT:** Co-Sponsorship of Legislation – Seat Belts on School Buses

In the near future, I will introduce legislation which will require all school buses to be equipped with child restraint systems.

The bill amends Title 75 (the Vehicle Code), specifically Section 4552, by adding a subsection that requires every school bus be equipped with seat belts for children. This requirement takes effect after December 31, 2012.

Additionally, every new school bus purchased and manufactured after June 30, 2013, must be equipped with child seat belts and by July 1, 2019, every school bus will have child seat belts.

Requiring that seat belts be worn on school buses will prevent children from being tossed around while the bus is in motion as well as protecting them should the bus be in an accident. Studies have shown that seat belts on buses reduce deaths and serious injuries to passengers in rollover and side-impact crashes.

Please join me in sponsoring this important piece of legislation in order to better protect children on school buses.

Thank you for your consideration. If you wish to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact e-mail my secretary, Amy Bossart at [ABossart@pahousegop.com](mailto:ABossart@pahousegop.com).