



Senate of Pennsylvania

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TO: All Senators  
FROM: Senator John R. Gordner *JRG*  
SUBJECT: Safe Haven Resolution  
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On July 11, 2001, a newborn baby was found dead in a trash compactor in Sunbury, PA, the victim of a murder by her young parents who were unprepared for child rearing. The incident led former Senator Edward Helfrick to sponsor and pass the Newborn Protection Act of 2002.

Under Newborn Protection, also known as the Safe Haven Act, parents of a newborn may leave the baby at a hospital without fear of criminal prosecution, provided the child is unharmed. The goal of the Act was to find a safe and permanent home for newborns. Since 2002, Newborn Protection is credited with saving the lives of several babies.

I intend to introduce a Senate Resolution designating July 11, 2012 as "Safe Haven Day" in Pennsylvania. Should you wish to co-sponsor this resolution, please contact my office at 7-8928.