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MEMORANDUM

TO: House Members
FROM: Representative Mike Fleck
DATE: June 27, 2012
SUBJECT: Co-sponsorship - Corrections Officers Bill of Rights

In the near future I will be introducing legislation that will create the Corrections Officers Bill of Rights. This legislation will ensure that Pennsylvania's corrections officers maintain certain rights and will provide them with the ability to appeal during disciplinary proceedings.

The Corrections Officers Bill of Rights is being introduced in light of recent headlines regarding abuse allegations at SCI Pittsburgh. Eight corrections officers were suspended without pay and benefits for almost a year without the ability to ask questions related to why they were suspended or to defend themselves. These officers were never even given the benefit of a hearing.

I strongly believe, as does the leadership of the Pennsylvania State Corrections Officers Association, that any corrections officer found guilty of a crime should be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. This legislation would guarantee the preservation of constitutional rights for our corrections officers.

If you wish to join me in co-sponsoring this important piece of legislation, please contact Kelly Roth in my office at via email at kroth@pahousegop.com or by calling 787-3335.