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August 15, 2012

TO:

All House Members

FROM:

Representative Gary Haluska

RE:

Co-Sponsorship- Interfering with agricultural operations.

In the coming weeks, I intend to introduce legislation amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes; providing for interfering with agricultural operations.

My proposed bill would seek to prohibit the recording of images or sound from an agricultural operation without the consent of the farmer or operator. It would also prohibit access to agricultural operations under false pretenses or from obtaining employment with the intent of recording images or sound from an agricultural operation. Interfering with an agricultural operation would be graded as a felony of the third degree.

Agriculture is our number-one industry and is essential to the economic development in our rural communities. It is important that we take the necessary steps to protect this sustainable resource.

If you are interested in co-sponsoring this legislation, please contact Marilyn via e-mail at mjuran@pahouse.net