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REPLY TO:

**TO:** All Senators

**DATE:** September 19, 2012

**FROM:** Senator Christine M. Tartaglione

**SUBJECT:** Co-sponsorship of Resolution:  
**National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month**

I intend to introduce a Resolution observing the month of September as “National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness” in Pennsylvania.

During this month, we are provided with the opportunity to educate the public about spinal cord injury, to encourage medical research, and to honor those Americans living with a spinal cord injury.

Every 48 minutes, someone in the U.S. is paralyzed from an injury to their spinal cord. More than 270,000 Americans, including 44,000 veterans, currently suffer from such an injury and twelve thousand more individuals sustain spinal cord injuries every year. The Department of Veterans Affairs promotes National Spinal Cord Injury Awareness Month as a means to educate the public, aid those living with a spinal cord injury, and support medical research in the spinal cord injury field.

The Buoniconti Fund, a group I have been honored to work with since my spinal cord injury, is launching its largest effort designed to challenge people across the country to help find a cure for paralysis. The goal of the campaign is to ask, “Will You Please Stand Up For Those Who Can’t?”

If you would like to join me in co-sponsoring this resolution, please contact Elizabeth Gray at (717)787-1141 or at [egray@pasenate.com](mailto:egray@pasenate.com).