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TO: All House Members
FROM: Representative Gary Haluska
RE: Co-Sponsorship- Interfering with agricultural operations.

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

The proposed bill seeks to prohibit recording images of or sound from an agricultural operation without the consent of the farmer or operator. It would also prohibits access to an agricultural operations under false pretenses or obtaining employment with the intent of recording images of 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 economies of and economic development in rural communities. It is important that we take the steps necessary to protect this sustainable resource.

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

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