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TO:

Members of the House of Representatives

FROM:

Rep. Frank Burns

SUBJECT:

Co-sponsorship: Legislation Requiring School Busing in Districts where

Registered Sex Offenders Reside

In the near future, I intend to introduce legislation to require school districts to provide busing to any resident pupil, to and from school, if the resident pupil resides in a school district where a sex offender is registered.

Currently, the Pennsylvania State Police list more than 12,000 sex offenders living in the Commonwealth. Given the large number, it is clear that many sex offenders most likely reside near our children's schools, bus stops, and walking routes. I believe it is imperative that we start the process of enacting legislation to provide further safety to our children.

As previously stated, my proposal would require a school district to provide transportation to any student, public or non-public, if a registered sex-offender resides in that district. This legislation ensures that our students will not be forced to walk in the path of sex offenders, and in return will offer their families some peace of mind. Please join me in strengthening our child protection laws to improve safety precautions for our children.