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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Members of the House of Representatives

FROM: Rep. John T. Galloway 

DATE: August 9, 2016

SUBJECT: Co-sponsorship of Legislation – Brachial Plexus Injury Awareness Week

In the near future, I will be introducing a resolution recognizing the week of October 16-22, 2016 as Brachial Plexus Injury Awareness week in Pennsylvania.

The brachial plexus is a complex set of nerves that originate in the spine and control the muscles of the fingers, hand, arm, and shoulder. An injury to these nerves is referred to a brachial plexus injury (BPI) that may result in full to partial paralysis of one or both arms.

This injury is one of the most common injuries obtained by infants during the birthing process but may also be caused by high impact accidents such as automobile, motorcycle or sport accidents. Although treatable, time is of the essence and immediate therapeutic intervention is critical to optimize recovery and residual effects. Unfortunately, many individuals are unaware of this injury, its symptoms, and the treatment options available to them.

This October, it is my hope that residents of this Commonwealth will gain an awareness of brachial plexus injuries as well as corresponding treatment and prevention methods.

I hope that you will join me in recognizing October 16-22 as Brachial Plexus Injury Awareness Week in Pennsylvania.

If you have any questions regarding this legislation, please contact my office at 717-787-1292. Thank for your consideration.