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May 19, 1989

Hon. Thomas Caltagirone Chairman Judiciary Committee Main Capitol Harrisburg, Pa. 17120

Dear Chairman Caltagirone:

I would greatly appreciate the consideration by the Judiciary Committee of the following bills:

House Bill 723- Toll Free 800# to anonymously report drug pushers.

House Bill 724- Death penalty for the sale of drugs where the sale of drugs results in death to the user.

House Bill 725- Double criminal penalties for second or subsequent convictions for drug sales in Pa.

House Bill 726- 5 year automatic jail sentence for those who possess firearms during the sale of drugs

House Bill 727- Probable Cause section of search warrants will be sealed, at the request of the authorities, until the time of trial so that more criminal defendants can be pusued through electronic surveilance etc.

(bill endorsed by Phila. DA office)

House Bills 1461

1462 & 1463 - Provides for a \$250 million bond issue to be place on the ballot to construct 6000 new prison cells, interest-free loans to counties to expand their prisons, implementation of an intensive probation program, hiring of 50 new state parole officers, additional \$10 fine levied against each criminal defendant to defray prison cost and the initiation

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of alternative sentencing for suitable defendants.

These bills have been endorsed by Attorney General Ernie Preate, Phila. District Attorney Ron Castille, Montgomery County District Attorney Mike Marino, Lehigh County Board of Commissioners and Pa. Chairman of the Board of Probation and Parole Fred Jacobs.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

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