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MEMORANDUM

TO: All House Members

FROM: Representative Thomas C. Creighton *T.C.C.*

DATE: February 8, 2011

SUBJECT: Cosponsorship - Illegal Immigrants - Criminal History Records

Criminal activity by illegal immigrants has been at the heart of the nationwide debate over the presence of unauthorized individuals within our borders. For this reason, I plan to re-introduce legislation from last session (House Bill 780) which will authorize law enforcement officers in the Commonwealth to inquire about the citizenship or immigration status of those they arrest.

In particular, my legislation would authorize this information to be included in the repository of criminal history records maintained by the Pennsylvania State Police. It would also be included on criminal history reports. Statistical data on citizenship and immigration status would be reported in the annual Uniform Crime Reports. Finally, if the arresting authority obtained verification from the federal government that an alien was unlawfully present in the United States, that verification could be considered by licensing agencies and employers.

If you would like to cosponsor this legislation, please contact Suzanne Stuck at sstuck@pahousegop.com or 787-3879.