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Dear Chairman Marsico:

I respectfully request your assistance in bringing House Bill 2261 before the Judiciary Committee for a vote immediately.

In light of the recent shootings across the country and now close to home in Philadelphia, I believe we need to act quickly to protect those who are to protect us. H.B. 2261 adds law enforcement officers, including state and county corrections officers to the protected class of individuals under Pennsylvania's hate crimes statute.

I have the support of the Fraternal Order of Police Pennsylvania State Lodge and the Flood City Lodge. I am asking for your support.

Thank you for your consideration of this request. If you have any questions related to this legislation, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely. Frank Burns

State Representative 72<sup>nd</sup> Legislative District