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August 24, 1994

Robert A. McMahon, Mayor Borough of Media One West State Street Media, PA 19063

Dear Mr. McMahon:

Thank you for sending me a copy of the resolution adopted by the Media Borough Council, which expresses the Council's support for legislation that requires public notification when a sex offender is released from prison. Also noted is the Council's support for life imprisonment for second time sex offenders.

As you may be aware, my office is currently drafting legislation that would require sex offenders to register with the local police and for the local police to notify neighbors that a convicted sex offender is residing in their neighborhood. This bill is being introduced as a result of the tragic death of Megan Kanka, a seven year-old from New Jersey, who was recently murdered by a neighbor, a convicted sex offender who confessed to the murder. In addition to the registration and notification requirements for sex offenders, I am also crafting language for second time offenders.

As chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, I am planning to schedule "Megan's" bill for consideration before the committee when the full Senate reconvenes in September. I am hopeful that the legislation will receive quick passage in the Senate.

Again, thank you for taking the time to inform me of your support for a sex offender registration and notification law.

Sincerely,

Stewart J. Greenleaf