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The Honorable Allan Egolf
House of Representatives
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

Dear Representative Egolf:

I am submitting to you a copy of the 1995 Annual Child Abuse Report. This report is required by §6347 of the Child Protective Services Law (CPSL).

In July 1995, provisions of Act 151 of 1994 which amended the CPSL, took effect. The amendments broadened the scope of actions considered child abuse, including abuse of students by school employees. It is expected that as the public and professionals increase their awareness of these changes, the number of reported cases of suspected abuse will continue to rise.

It is essential that Pennsylvania continues to pass effective legislation, commit resources, and involve communities in combating the devastating problem of child abuse. Your help, in the past, has been vital. I look forward to continuing to work with you in protecting our state's most vulnerable children.

Sincerely,

Feather O. Houstoun

Enclosure