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TO: All House Members  
  
FROM: Representative Chris Ross  
Representative Thomas Tangretti  
  
DATE: February 11, 2003  
  
SUBJECT: **Proposed Legislation - Police Task Force Recommendations**

In an effort to improve Pennsylvania's support of local municipal police, we served on a Police Task Force along with Representatives Coy and Dally. As a result, we are reintroducing legislation to implement the recommendations of the Task Force. The legislation will provide for additional funding sources, more efficiently-directed funds, more assistance for joint municipal policing, better advocacy for local police, and the creation of a task force to achieve pension portability. There are twelve separate pieces of legislation that cover seven of the eight Task Force recommendations.

If you would like to cosponsor any of this legislation, please contact **Dixie Minnich at 783-1574** or by e-mailing: [dminnich@pahousegop.com](mailto:dminnich@pahousegop.com).

**1. Resolution which appoints a select committee to tackle the problem of lack of portability between police pension funds.**

Tangretti, Ross  
HR 170

Prior HR 123 Cosponsors: TANGRETTI, ROSS, COY, DALLY, ARGALL, BELARDI, BELFANTI, CIVERA, M. COHEN, 2003 COLAFELLA, CORRIGAN, CURRY, DAILEY, DALEY, DeWEESE, FRANKEL, GEORGE, GORDNER, GRUCELA, HENNESSEY, LAUGHLIN, MACKERETH, MAJOR, MAYERNIK, McCALL, McNAUGHTON, MELIO, R. MILLER, MUNDY, NAILOR, ORIE, PETRARCA, PIPPY, PISTELLA, READSHAW, RUBLEY, SANTONI, SCHRODER, SOLOBAY, STURLA, SURRA, E. Z. TAYLOR, THOMAS, TIGUE, TRELLO, WASHINGTON, WILT and YUDICHAK.

**2. Designates the Governor's Center for Local Government Services within the Dept. of Community and Economic Development to act as an advocate for municipal police at the state level.**

Ross, Tangretti  
HB 1078

Prior HB 884 Cosponsors: ROSS, TANGRETTI, DALLY, COY, ARGALL, BELARDI, BELFANTI, CIVERA, M. COHEN, 2003 COLAFELLA, CORRIGAN, COSTA, CURRY, DAILEY, DALEY, DeWEESE, FRANKEL, FREEMAN, GEORGE, GORDNER, GRUCELA, HARHAI, HENNESSEY, HERMAN, JOSEPHS, KAISER, LAUGHLIN, MACKERETH, MAJOR, MANN, McCALL, MELIO, R. MILLER, NAILOR, ORIE, PETRARCA, PIPPY, READSHAW, ROONEY, RUBLEY, SAINATO, SANTONI, SCHRODER, SOLOBAY, STURLA, SURRA, E. Z. TAYLOR, THOMAS, TIGUE, TRELLO, TRICH, WANSACZ, WASHINGTON, C. WILLIAMS, WILT, WOJNAROSKI and YUDICHAK

✓ **3. Creates a low cost loan program for municipal police similar to the fund for volunteer fire companies. This is for the purchase, maintenance, and repairs of buildings, vehicles, and equipment.**

Prior HB 885 Cosponsors: TANGRETTI, ROSS, COY, DALLY, ARGALL, BELARDI, BELFANTI, BROWNE, CIVERA, M. COHEN, COLAFELLA, CORRIGAN, COSTA, CURRY, DAILEY, DALEY, DeWEESE, FREEMAN, GEORGE, GORDNER, GRUCELA, HARHAI, HENNESSEY, HERMAN, JOSEPHS, KAISER, LAUGHLIN, LEVDANSKY, MACKERETH, MAJOR, MANN, MAYERNIK, McCALL, MELIO, R. MILLER, MUNDY, ORIE, PETRARCA, PIPPY, PISTELLA, READSHAW, ROONEY, RUBLEY, SAINATO, SANTONI, SCHRODER, B. SMITH, SOLOBAY, STURLA, SURRA, TIGUE, TRELLO, TRICH, WANSACZ, WASHINGTON, C. WILLIAMS, J. WILLIAMS, WOJNAROSKI, M. WRIGHT and YUDICHAK.

Tangretti, Ross

HB1079  
2003

✓ **4. Imposes surcharges on criminal convictions to fund start-up costs for municipalities desiring to create police departments.**

Prior HB 886 Cosponsors: TANGRETTI, ROSS, COY, DALLY, BELARDI, BELFANTI, CIVERA, M. COHEN, COLAFELLA, CORRIGAN, DAILEY, DALEY, DeWEESE, FRANKEL, FREEMAN, GEORGE, GRUCELA, HENNESSEY, LAUGHLIN, McCALL, MELIO, R. MILLER, PIPPY, PISTELLA, READSHAW, SCHRODER, SOLOBAY, STURLA, SURRA, E. Z. TAYLOR, THOMAS, TRELLO, TRICH, WASHINGTON, M. WRIGHT and NAILOR.

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HB1080  
2003

**5. Reallocates fine moneys from the Vehicle Code and Judicial Code to those entities issuing the citation, instead of distributing them to all municipalities regardless of whether they have a local police. NOTE: Please be aware that this legislation may have a financial impact on municipalities in your district. If you would like more details on this, please ask for this information when you call my office.**

Ross, Tangretti  
HB1081  
2003

Prior HB 887 Cosponsors: ROSS, TANGRETTI, DALLY, COY, STURLA, BROWNE, CIVERA, M. COHEN, COLEMAN, CORRIGAN, DALEY, DeWEESE, FREEMAN, LAUGHLIN, LEVDANSKY, MANN, MELIO, R. MILLER, SANTONI, SCHRODER, THOMAS, TIGUE, WASHINGTON and M. WRIGHT.

**6. Authorizes municipalities, pursuant to their respective municipal codes, to levy a special dedicated tax for funding police services.**

Ross, Tangretti  
HB1082  
2003

Prior HB 888-894 Cosponsors: ROSS, TANGRETTI, DALLY, COY, BELFANTI, M. COHEN, COLAFELLA, CORRIGAN, CURRY, DAILEY, DALEY, DeWEESE, FRANKEL, FREEMAN, GEORGE, GRUCELA, LAUGHLIN, McCALL, MELIO, R. MILLER, NAILOR, PIPPY, READSHAW, SCRIMENTI, SOLOBAY, STURLA, E. Z. TAYLOR, THOMAS, TRELLO, TRICH, WASHINGTON, M. WRIGHT and YUDICHAK.

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