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MEMORANDUM

TO: All House Members
FROM: Representative Dan Frankel
DATE: January 2, 2007
SUBJECT: Reintroduction of Legislation - Restricting Access to Firearms for Persons Committed to Mental Institutions for Inpatient Care (Previously HB 351)

I will be re-introducing legislation further restricting access to firearms for persons committed to mental institutions for certain inpatient care.

Currently, Section 6105(c)(4) of Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) prohibits "a person who has been adjudicated as an incompetent or who has been involuntarily committed to a mental institution for inpatient care and treatment" from possessing, using, manufacturing, controlling, selling or transferring firearms. My legislation seeks to include those persons who are voluntarily committed or enrolled in a mental institution for specific inpatient care and treatment. As a result, persons who have received certain inpatient care and treatment in a mental institution, whether voluntarily or involuntarily committed, would retain the right to petition the court for access to firearms.

As you may know, the charged suspect in the recent tragic shootings in Allegheny and Butler Counties had voluntarily received such inpatient care in a mental institution. In the wake of this tragedy, we can only hope that enactment of this measure will serve to prevent future catastrophes.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, please respond by email to nporvazn@pahouse.net

Previous Co-sponsors:

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