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TO: Committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities

FROM: Senator William N. Brownsberger *W.N.B.*

RE: S52, An Act promoting restorative justice practices

DATE: July 9, 2013

I write in support of S52, An Act promoting restorative justice practices.

This legislation would propose a comprehensive approach to implementing restorative justice programs. This bill institutes a choice of law administration and courts to refer juvenile and low-level adult offenders to a community based restorative justice program. As a result, certain offenses are kept out of the criminal justice system while the offender is still being held accountable to the victim and the community.

I hope that the Committee will report S52 favorably.

