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Dear Colleague:

As you may know, the United States House of Representatives approved a massive immigration enforcement bill on December 16, 2005. Among other things, this legislation would make it a felony to be in the United States illegally, impose new penalties on employers who hire illegal immigrants, require churches to check the legal status of people they help, and erect fences along one-third of the US-Mexican border. The U.S. Senate is poised to take up this issue in the coming weeks, and I urge you to weigh in with Senators Arlen Specter and Rick Santorum on this critical issue.

The potential reach throughout Pennsylvania of this proposed reform is significant. From its impact on small businesses driving our urban economies to the seasonal workers driving agriculture in the Commonwealth, each of our legislative districts could be negatively effected by overly restrictive and punitive immigration reforms. Our immigration system must strike a balance between respecting our nation's laws and giving people the opportunity to work lawfully and one day obtain citizenship. It is an opportunity we have all benefited from either directly or through our heritage.

Please take a moment to contact the Pennsylvania Immigration and Citizenship Coalition to find out more about this important issue and how you can ensure this opportunity continues for generations to come. The Coalition can be reached at 215/832-0809 or via e-mail at [piccpa@yahoo.com](mailto:piccpa@yahoo.com). Thank you for your continued interest in this critical topic.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dwight Evans".

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