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Senator Stewart Greenleaf Chairman, Senate Judiciary Committee Senate Box 203012 Harrisburg, PA 17120-3012

Re: House Bill No. 1947 of 2015

Dear Senator Greenleaf,

I have reviewed Professor Bruce A. Antkowiak's Report to the Judiciary Committee concerning the constitutionality of House Bill 1947 and the cases cited therein. I agree with Professor Antkowiak's conclusion that the portion of the Bill that makes the civil statute of limitations retroactive to claims barred under the existing statute of limitations presents a significant constitutional question. Professor Antkowiak is correct in asserting that Pennsylvania courts have long held that legislation reviving claims that are time-barred violates the Pennsylvania Constitution.

Very sincerely,

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