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Memorandum

TO: Members of the House of Representatives

FROM: Representative Jewell Williams

DATE: January 4, 2005

SUBJECT: Co-sponsorship of legislation

In the near future, I plan to re-introduce legislation amending Title 18 (Crimes and Offenses) providing for the offense of unlawful installation or use of viewing devices.

This legislation will make it a third-degree felony to install video cameras or other surveillance equipment in a private place without the consent of the people who are under surveillance. Private places include dressing rooms, locker rooms, restrooms, showers, hotel rooms or a guest room in a home where there is a reasonable expectation of privacy.

By making this offense a third-degree felony, we are sending a clear message that this unsavory practice is taken seriously and will not be tolerated. A reasonable expectation of privacy cannot be taken for granted and should be protected.

If you share my feelings and would like to join me in sponsoring this legislation, please contact Ashley Roach in my office at 772-9004 or aroach@pahouse.net.