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Senator Rodric Bray
200 West Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46204

Hello Senator Bray,

I hope you're well. I have a few requests for summer study committee topics.

The protection of our wetlands is paramount to improving Indiana's environment. When discussing SB389, many called for an in depth review of the benefits our wetlands provide. There is also the issue of how to safely dispose of our coal ash. This toxic waste has major health impacts for Hoosiers and environmental impacts on our state's waters. In order to properly protect our environment and the health of Hoosiers, these topics should be subjects of this summer's study committees.

We currently have statutory limitations for rape and abuse. These offenses have lasting impacts and often victims suffer in silence for years before coming forward. They should still have access to our justice system and that is why I am suggesting we study the removal of our statutory limitations for rape and abuse. A study committee would allow for the legislature to make an informed decision on this matter going forward.

Lastly, we should evaluate our state's current minimum wage, which stands at \$7.25 an hour. This wage does not allow a full time employee to pay for their necessities and we should study what wage would be appropriate to manage the cost of living in Indiana.

Thank you for your consideration of these issues. If you have any questions or comments do not hesitate to reach out to my office or me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patricia Boy".

Patricia Boy
State Representative
District 9

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