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BARBARANN KEFFER BLASTS REP. SANTORA'S VOTE FOR EXTREME & UNNECESSARY LEGISLATION THAT HARMS WOMEN

Drexel Hill, Wednesday, June 22, 2016 — Barbarann Keffer, Upper Darby Councilperson at-Large and Democratic candidate for the Pennsylvania House in the 163rd District on Wednesday released the following statement regarding yesterday's passage of House Bill 1948, an unconstitutional bill harmful to women's health:

"It is ironic that this bill is numbered as HB 1948 because it reverses decades of progress and treats women like it is the year 1948. Shame on Santora for ignoring the majority of his constituents who believe, as I do, that in 2016 women deserve real equality and fair treatment under the law. Regulations are already in place. This law amounts to nothing more than unnecessary, overly burdensome, and likely unconstitutional, regulation that unfairly targets women. Moreover, by supporting this bill without a single public hearing, Santora demonstrated utter disregard for the medical facts and the democratic process."

"Yesterday, Rep. Santora reaffirmed that he is neither independent nor moderate when it comes to women's health issues. If enacted, HB 1948 would be the most restrictive abortion law in the nation. This bill is based on an un-scientific, arbitrary 20-week threshold, without exception for rape or fetal abnormality. Santora and extremists in Harrisburg are trying to dictate a difficult and deeply personal medical decision that should be left to women and their doctors."

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Raised in Broomall, Barbarann Keffer is a graduate of Cardinal O'Hara High School and Harvard University, where she majored in Government and was a 4-time All-Ivy Team selection from their women's basketball program. Keffer began her involvement in the community by starting Upper Darby Recycle!, a grassroots movement to bring single-stream recycling to Upper Darby Township. For that effort, she received Bank of America's Neighborhood Excellence Initiative Award. She currently serves as Councilwoman At-Large in Upper Darby and as the Borough Manager for Millbourne. She lives in Drexel Hill with her husband and two daughters.

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