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Dear Concerned Citizens,

The Yellow Ribbon Girls is a group of women who send supplies to deployed troops around the world. I recently committed my McKnight Road and Cranberry offices to serve as "drop off points." Any items that people are able to donate and which conform to the requested supplies list are so greatly needed and appreciated by the troops.

If you would be so kind as to post the attached informational letter and list to a bulletin board, post them in a newsletter, publish them in a bulletin, make an announcement or relay the information in whatever way suits you best, I would be so very grateful.

These brave men and women risk everything to preserve our freedom, and these donations are a true token of gratitude and thanks, that mean so much to these deployed military members and their families. Thank you for your cooperation and efforts.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jane Clare Orie".

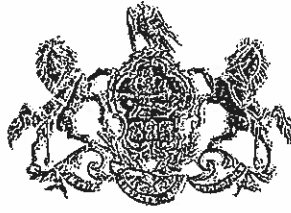
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Dear Concerned Citizens,

Annually, I make a trip to Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington DC to visit our wounded veterans and give them handmade Valentines from our local school children. Even though I have made the trip several times, the sight of our heroic young men and women continue to touch my heart.

With special permission and a military escort, I walk from room to room and see wounds, battered bodies, and young soldiers missing limbs, eyes, and wrapped in bandages from head to toe. In all this despair, pain and trauma, you would expect the mood to be down, depressing, and in some instances angry, but it is quite the contrary. In the beds and wheelchairs these heroic soldiers are proud to serve, and have a strong desire to go back to help their buddies. It is one of the most profound sights anyone could witness.

It is because of these visits that I have made a commitment to be a "drop off point" for the Yellow Ribbon Girls, a group of patriotic women who are dedicated to sending vital supplies to our troops in Iraq and Afghanistan.

I realize we are living in difficult economic times. Unemployment is high, and money is tight, but I know I can speak for our troops when I say your generosity would be greatly appreciated. Some of you may have a family member currently serving, or perhaps waiting to be deployed. Imagine how you would feel knowing your loved one needs something as small as a comb, or toothbrush.

Our military does not ask for much, just some ordinary supplies and your prayers. I know you will open your heart and do your best to donate some items. A list is attached stating what needs are most requested. Individuals may donate, or it can be a project for an AARP group, veterans group, school children, or scouts. All items are accepted and appreciated. The Yellow Ribbon Girls will stop by periodically to gather the donations and send them onto our soldiers.

Items may be brought to my North Hills District Office on McKnight Road or my Cranberry Township District office on Rochester Road. For additional information please call my office at (412) 630-9466.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. You truly are patriots of the highest level.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jane Clare Orie".

State Senator Jane Clare Orie
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Dear Concerned Citizens;

As we settle in to 2009, we also are settling into the start of the seventh year that thousands of U.S. and Allied troops are deployed around the world in response to the events of 911 and the Global Terror activity.

With the down turn in our Federal, State and local economies, the supplies needed by our deployed troops has increased. Additionally, with more troops being shifted and stationed in Afghanistan, the need for supplies and home town support is larger than ever.

Please join us in collecting the basic supplies and the most sought after comfort items for these troops-

Snack/Meal Items:

- Beef jerky, beef stick, candy, canned soups, cereal bars, cookies, crackers, granola bars, gum, canned meat, canned meals, peanuts, protein bars, trail mix, etc.

Breakfast Items:

- Cocoa mix, coffee packets, hot cereal, sugar packets, tea bags, etc.

Microwavable foods:

- Mac n' Cheese, popcorn, noodles, meals, etc.

Miscellaneous Items:

- Batteries (all sizes), dog flea collars, envelopes, paper, pencils, pens, white socks

Personal Items:

- Band-aids, bars of soap, cotton balls and q-tips, cough drops, dental floss, foot powder, hand sanitizer, lip balm, razors, sunscreen, toothpaste, travel sized mouthwash, travel sized lotions, travel sized shampoo, travel sized lotions, wash clothes, wet wipes, etc.

From the businesses who can donate pens and pencils to the medical offices who can donate toothpaste, to the travel offices who can donate hotel supplies, and to the families who can purchase a few items on the list, **every** donation is important.

With a lot of help, the Yellow Ribbon Girls and our ever faithful helpers have created and shipped over 16,000 care packages to service men and women from all branches of the United State Military stationed in countries around the world.

Finally, we are always looking for groups, classrooms, clubs, and families to write letters, cards or create craft projects to include in the care packages.

Senator Jane Clare Orie, Majority Whip has generously agreed to let us use her office as a "drop-off" for the items. Senator Orie's offices are located in the **North Hills at 9400 McKnight Road, Suite 105** and in **Cranberry Township at 2525 Rochester Road, Suite 207**. For additional information please call her North Hills office at (412) 630-9466.

Thanks again for all your help and support!