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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO: ALL HOUSE MEMBERS**  
**FR: REPRESENTATIVE JIM CHRISTIANA**  
**RE: PennWATCH Legislation**

I will be reintroducing HB1460, a bill that would create easy access for all of our constituents to view how Harrisburg is spending their hard-earned tax dollars. Last session I had over 100 cosponsors, and I respectfully ask Democrats, Republicans, liberals and conservatives to join with me on this bill that will transcend the way Harrisburg does business, and will start to rebuild trust among the electorate.

Pennsylvania needs to get into the 21<sup>st</sup> century with an easier monitoring process for state expenditures and contracts. The difficulty Pennsylvanians have accessing government information about how their tax dollars are being spent is unacceptable.

We need an easy-to-use, Web-based clearinghouse of information like other states have, a system that the public and media knows about, and can readily use.

This is why I am proposing PennWATCH (Pennsylvania Web Accountability, Transparency and Contract Hub). My proposal would make all state departmental and agency budget expenditures available online at one easy-to-use Web site, which would include vendor information and lists of state contract awards.

The Commonwealth needs to join with dozens of other states in organizing its government information into one central location that residents can access easily. It's about time Pennsylvania's budgeting and contracting process joined other states in terms of accountability and transparency.

If you are interested in co-sponsoring this legislation, please contact Sandra Pancoe at 260-6144 or at [sapancoe@pahousegop.com](mailto:sapancoe@pahousegop.com).