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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: All House Members

FROM: Representative Paul I. Clymer 
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SUBJECT: Cosponsorship -- United States and Pennsylvania Flags (Former House Bill 1166)

The elimination of import quotas on hundreds of textile products under a World Trade Agreement is a major concern to American textile manufacturers who are already suffering losses of licenses because of Chinese competition.

Therefore, I will be reintroducing legislation that requires the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to procure only United States and Pennsylvania flags which are manufactured in the United States.

Currently, the Commonwealth purchases these two flags from Valley Forge Flag Company in Wormelsdorf, Pennsylvania, and Annin Flag Company in Verona, New Jersey. Both companies manufacture these flags.

Allow me to share two thoughts: Let us assist our struggling textile companies by having these flags manufactured in our country. Secondly, let us be proud of the label, "Made in the U.S.A."

We have precedents for this type of legislative proposal, The U.S. Steel Procurement Act and the American Made Motor Vehicle Act.

If you are interested in cosponsoring this legislation, please contact my office by calling 783-3154 or via Groupwise at navigles@pahousegop.com.

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