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## Senate of Pennsylvania

## **MEMORANDUM**

To:

All Senators

From:

Senator Jake Corman

Date:

December 10, 2010

RE:

<u>Co-sponsorship memo # 6</u> – Naming the Commonwealth Keystone Building,

The Thomas D. Larson Building

In the near future, I plan to reintroduce Senate Bill 370 of 2009, legislation to honor the career, accomplishments and the professionalism of Thomas D. Larson. Mr. Larson passed away in 2006.

Thomas D. Larson served the Commonwealth as a great transportation leader whose impact can still be felt today. As many of you know, serving as Secretary of Transportation from 1979 to 1987, Mr. Larson is recognized as one of the most instrumental individuals in reforming the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

Additionally, during his tenure with the Federal Highway Administration, Thomas D. Larson was influential in the adoption of the Surface Transportation Act of 1991, a historic law that significantly benefits our transportation system.

Finally, Thomas D. Larson gave even more to the Commonwealth through his service as a Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering, at The Pennsylvania State University, College of Engineering, by preparing the next generation of transportation professionals.

I believe it is only appropriate the Commonwealth Keystone Building, which currently houses the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, be named in honor of Thomas D. Larson.

Senate Bill 370 of 2009 – Senators Earll, Stout, Pippy, Rafferty, Tomlinson, Fontana, Alloway, Kitchen, Orie, Robbins and Yaw.

If you have any questions with regard to this co-sponsorship, please contact Scott Sikorski in my office at 787-1377.

If you would like to cosponsor this legislation, please contact Kristi Kreiser in my office at 787-1377 or by email at <a href="mailto:kkreiser@pasen.gov">kkreiser@pasen.gov</a>.