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## Senate of Pennsylvania <u>MEMORANDUM</u>

To:

All Senators

From:

Senator Jake Corman

Date:

December 10, 2010

RE:

Co-sponsorship memo #7 – LBFC Natural Gas Fuel Study for SEPTA busses.

I plan to reintroduce Senate Resolution 363 of 2010, a resolution directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee (LBFC) to conduct a study on the feasibility and effectiveness of converting the Southeastern Transportation Authority (SEPTA) bus system to natural gas fuel.

SEPTA buses serve tens of thousands of destinations throughout the southeast region and are a major contributor to air quality impacts. Natural gas transit buses have demonstrated significant emission reductions over conventional diesel counterparts, and displace millions of gallons of petroleum-based fuels annually.

Natural gas buses have been deployed in other areas of the Commonwealth successfully and have been met with support as a way to reduce use of imported oil, as well as improve air quality. This report would study the feasibility to convert the SEPTA fleet to natural gas alternative fuel vehicles, and show the effectiveness the switch would have on improving air quality and reducing fuel costs.

Senate Resolution 363 of 2010 – Senators Scarnati, Rafferty, M. White, Erickson, Argall, Musto, Alloway, McIlhinney, Tartaglione, Ward, Dinniman, Earll, Ferlo, and D. White.

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 resolution, please contact Kristi Kreiser in my office at 787-1377 or by email at <a href="mailto:kkreiser@pasen.gov">kkreiser@pasen.gov</a>.