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TO: All Senators

FROM: Senator Dave Argall *DA*

DATE: 12/13/10

SUBJECT: Co-sponsorship of Legislation
State Police Funding

In the near future I will re-introduce Senate Bill 1355, legislation that would limit, reduce and ultimately eliminate expenditures from the Commonwealth's Motor License Fund to fund the operations of the Pennsylvania State Police. This would reduce the Motor License Fund contribution to the State Police by \$50 million a year over a 10 year period from its current level of just over \$500 million dollars to zero by the year 2021.

Given the existing and immediate needs of Pennsylvania's transportation infrastructure, I believe this money should be dedicated to its intended purpose, which is the maintenance and improvement of our roads and bridges. Funding for the State Police should be appropriated entirely from the General Fund.

Additionally this bill would create the "Local Highway and Bridge Fund", through the savings resulting from moving the State Police to the general fund. Ultimately this would annually appropriate \$250 million for municipal highway and bridge projects.

If you would like to cosponsor this legislation, please contact BJ Sieg at bsieg@pasen.gov or 787-2637.