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**TO:** All Senators

**FROM:** Senator Jane C. Orie   
Senator John H. Eichelberger, Jr. 

**DATE:** December 22, 2010

**SUBJECT:** Amendments to the State Adverse Interest Act and the Ethics Act.

We will be re-introducing legislation to amend the State Adverse Interest Act (Senate Bill 1053) and the Public Official and Employee Ethics Act (Senate Bill 1054) to prohibit the spouse and children of public officials or government employees from entering into a contract with the governmental body or agency of which the public official or employee is a member of or employed.

This was originally in response to criticism that arose due to the awarding of a contract by the Liquor Control Board to the spouse of a regional manager. It is unfortunate, but today the public views any appearance of impropriety as being an actual conflict of interest or worse, as corruption. So, we need to address this situation by revising these laws to exclude the spouse and children of public officials and government employees from entering into contracts with the governmental body or agency where their spouse or parent is a member or employed.

Last session Senate Bill 1053 and Senate Bill 1054 were co-sponsored by Senators: M. WHITE, RAFFERTY, PICCOLA, WILLIAMS, BOSCOLA, FARNESE, FOLMER, WAUGH, BROWNE, VOGEL, ALLOWAY and WARD.

If you are interested in co-sponsoring this legislation please contact Kacie Morrell at 787-6538 or by email at [kmorrell@pasen.gov](mailto:kmorrell@pasen.gov).

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