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MEMORANDUM

TO: All House Members

FROM: Representative Daryl D. Metcalfe
12th Legislative District

DATE: December 22, 2010

RE: Proposed Legislation
Definition of Marriage

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. J. M." with a stylized flourish.

In the near future I will be introducing legislation proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Pennsylvania providing for the definition of marriage as the union of one man and one woman. My legislation is the same language that passed the House in June, 2006 by an overwhelming majority.

This constitutional amendment will eliminate confusion as to what constitutes a legal marriage, and it will also designate marriage as the only type of union that will be legally recognized in Pennsylvania.

It is important that we support traditional marriage and have constitutional amendments to protect it at the state and federal levels. Every society needs natural marriage – as men and women finding, caring for and committing exclusively to one another – working together to create and raise a family for the benefit of future generations.

Marriage is a common good, not a special interest. Special interests should not have the right to redefine marriage for all of us.

If you would like to cosponsor this important resolution, please contact Cathy Waddington at 783-1707 or via email at cwadding@pahousegop.com.

Thank you!

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