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MEMORANDUM



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TO:

All House Members

FROM:

Rep. Kerry Benninghoff

171st Legislative District

DATE:

December 28, 2010

SUBJECT:

DCNR - shooting range suspension/revocation of activities

In the near future, I intend to introduce legislation which would amend Title 18 of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes. Specifically, this legislation would apply to shooting ranges which have been historically operated by outside entities on Commonwealth-owned lands administered by the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR).

The legislation I am proposing would prohibit DCNR from suspending or revoking the normal shooting activities on shooting ranges operated by third party groups.

Like many of you, I am concerned about the future of shooting sports in our Commonwealth. I believe that opportunities to shoot on public lands in Pennsylvania can be conducted in a safe and responsible manner to promote the rights guaranteed by Section 21 of Article I of the Pennsylvania Constitution as well as the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution.

I am convinced that shooting ranges which are located on public land, but operated by entities other than the public agencies responsible for the land, are in need of protection.

If you are interested in joining me as a co-sponsor of this legislation, please contact Amy Noel 783-1918 or <u>Anoel@pahousegop.com</u>.

Thank you!