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MEMORANDUM

TO: All House Members

FROM: Rep. Kerry Benninghoff  
171<sup>st</sup> Legislative District

DATE: December 28, 2010

SUBJECT: DCNR – General Assembly approval for regulations

In the near future I plan to introduce legislation limiting the manner in which the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) can promulgate regulations.

The legislation I am proposing would prohibit the department from issuing any regulation or rule until the regulation has been approved by the General Assembly. Specifically, this proposed legislation would require, in those circumstance where the department finds it necessary to amend any existing rules or regulations, to first submit written notification to the chairman and minority chairman of the Environmental Resources and Energy Committee's of the Senate and the House of Representatives. A concurrent resolution emanating from either committee would be required. For any regulation to be finalized the concurrent resolution would need to be approved by both chambers.

The DCNR has such a profound impact on the environment, health, and economic growth of the Commonwealth and its citizens. Given this fact, it seems only proper, that all of the important regulations promulgated by the agency be subject to input from the public and the General Assembly.

If you are interested in joining me as a co-sponsor of this legislation, please contact Amy Noel 783-1918 or [Anoel@pahousegop.com](mailto:Anoel@pahousegop.com).

Thank you!