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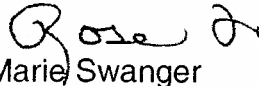
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Date: December 27, 2010

To: All House Members

From: Representative RoseMarie Swanger 

Subject: Co-sponsor – Re-introduction of HB 636
ELIMINATE “LAME DUCK” SESSION

I plan to re-introduce HB 636 to amend the Constitution of the Commonwealth to provide for the length of legislative session, specifically eliminating “lame-duck session.”

Current practice and tradition of the General Assembly is to hold session past the general election for the consideration of bills and resolutions. The holding of regular session during this “lame-duck period” is at the discretion of us, as duly elected sitting Representatives of the Commonwealth.

This Constitutional amendment would ban this tradition from occurring. Under my legislation, **unless meeting for special or extraordinary session**, the General Assembly may not meet for the purposes of considering legislation after the first day of November preceding the general election.

As you are well aware, an amendment to the Constitution must pass two consecutive sessions of the General Assembly. I believe passing this legislation during 2011-2012 Legislative Session will be a great first step in the process to eliminate this questionable practice.

If you wish to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact Lily Horst, 787-2686, or via e-mail at lhurst@pahousegop.com

Previous Co-sponsors of HB 636: SWANGER , BEAR , BENNINGHOFF , CAUSER , CREIGHTON , CUTLER , FLECK , GEORGE , GIBBONS , GILLESPIE , GOODMAN, GROVE, HORNAMAN , HUTCHINSON , KAUFFMAN , M. KELLER , KORTZ , MELIO , METCALFE , OBERLANDER, RAPP , READSHAW , REED , ROAE , ROCK , ROHRER , SCAVELLO , SIPTROTH , TALLMAN, VULAKOVICH and HARHART