

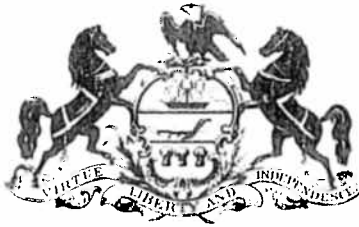
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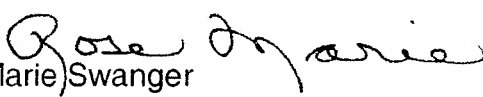
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Date: December 27, 2010
To: All House Members
From: Representative RoseMarie Swanger 
Subject: Co-sponsor – Re-introduction of HB 682
**SALES AND USE TAX (SUT) EXCLUSION FOR VOLUNTEER
FIRE COMPANIES**

In plan to re-introduce HB 682 that is of vital importance to the volunteer firefighters' organizations of Pennsylvania and, by extension, the safety of all communities in the Commonwealth served by these groups.

Previous exclusions to the sales and use tax (SUT) legislation include volunteer firemen's organizations when such groups are purchasing goods or services, but these exclusions do not cover sales made by these organizations.

Volunteer firemen's organizations currently receive funding through federal grants, local municipality funds and/or taxes, private grants, and independent fundraising programs. Depending on the availability of grant resources, which often comprise the bulk of their funds, volunteer firemen's organizations may have to rely heavily on the revenue generated by sales of goods and services in order to maintain their operations.

My proposed exemption from the 6 percent SUT will enable these groups to reap extra revenue from their fundraising sales, which will bolster their financial security, enhance their ability to improve or expand existing programs, and ensure that they are able to continue to provide vital firefighting services to their local communities.

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 682: SWANGER , ADOLPH , ARGALL , BAKER , BEAR , BELFANTI , BENNINGHOFF , BEYER , BOBACK , BOYD , CAUSER , CONKLIN , CREIGHTON , CUTLER , DALLY , DeLUCA , DENLINGER , ELLIS , EVERETT , FAIRCHILD , FLECK , GEIST , GEORGE , GIBBONS , GINGRICH , GOODMAN , GROVE , HESS , HICKERNELL , HORNAMAN , HUTCHINSON , KAUFFMAN , M. KELLER , KILLION , KOTIK , KULA , LONGIETTI , MAJOR , MARSHALL , MARSICO , MELIO , MENSCH , METCALFE , MICOZZIE , MILLARD , MILNE , MOUL , MURPHY , MURT , O'NEILL , PALLONE , PETRARCA , PYLE , QUINN , RAPP , REED , REICHLEY , SCAVELLO , SEIP , SIPTROTH , K. SMITH , SOLOBAY , STEVENSON , THOMAS , TRUE , VULAKOVICH , WALKO , YOUNGBLOOD and HARHART