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Date: December 27, 2010

To: All House Members

From: Representative RoseMarie Swanger

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rose Marie Swanger".

Subject: Co-sponsor – Re-introduction of HB 694  
**ENGLISH AS THE COMMONWEALTH'S  
OFFICIAL LANGUAGE**

I plan to re-introduce HB 694 that would create the Pennsylvania Official Language Act. Under this act, English will be established as the official language of the Commonwealth and all official acts of our government. Not only will this set forth the importance of the language, but it will also improve government efficiency, particularly in the printing of state documents.

The English language, although a custom in this country and its states, has no legal protection as an official language. I believe that it is important at this time to recognize the historically unifying role that English has played in the development of this nation, including Pennsylvania.

Individuals and families that have immigrated to this country brought with them their own unique cultures and traditions; yet, one primary point of unification has always been the English language.

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

**Previous Co-sponsors of HB 694:** SWANGER , ARGALL , BAKER , BARRAR , BOYD , CLYMER , CREIGHTON , CUTLER , DENLINGER , ELLIS , EVERETT , FAIRCHILD , FLECK , GEIST , GIBBONS , GOODMAN , GROVE , HALUSKA , HARRIS , HELM , HESS , HICKERNELL , HORNAMAN , HUTCHINSON , KAUFFMAN , M. KELLER , KIRKLAND , KORTZ , MAJOR , MARSHALL , MARSICO , METCALFE , MILLER , MOUL , MURT , MUSTIO , O'NEILL , PAYNE , PERRY , RAPP , READSHAW , REICHLEY , ROAE , ROHRER , SOLOBAY , STERN , STEVENSON , TALLMAN , VULAKOVICH , WANSACZ , PETRI , BOBACK and DELOZIER