

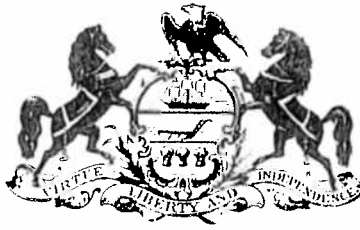
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Date: December 27, 2010
To: All House Members
From: Representative RoseMarie Swanger *Rose Marie Swanger*
Subject: Co-sponsor – Re-introduction of HB 796
**RECOVERY OF COSTS BY PROPERTY OWNERS
CHALLENGING ENIMENT DOMAIN**

I plan to re-introduce HB 796 that will increase the amount of money that can be reimbursed toward reasonable expenses actually incurred for appraisal, attorney and engineering fees in eminent domain proceedings.

The current reimbursement is limited to **\$4,000**, and my legislation would increase that figure to **\$25,000**.

The reason that I am reintroducing this legislation is that I had a constituent who successfully challenged an eminent domain proceeding taken by a public utility. When my constituent sought to recover their legal fees – which were well in excess of the \$4,000 cap – they were left paying attorney’s costs that would have otherwise been qualified for reimbursement by the public utility had this cap not been so low.

I believe that eminent domain proceedings should be fair, and I encourage you to join me in making this important change to the law that will protect property owners.

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

Previous Co-sponsors of HB 796: SWANGER , BARRAR , BOYD , CALTAGIRONE , CREIGHTON , CUTLER , DeWEESE , EVERETT , FRANKEL , GIBBONS , GROVE, HUTCHINSON , JOSEPHS , McILVAINE SMITH , MELIO , MILLER , MOUL , MURT , MUSTIO , PHILLIPS , RAPP , ROAE , ROCK , ROHRER , SIPTROTH , SONNEY , VULAKOVICH and HARHART