

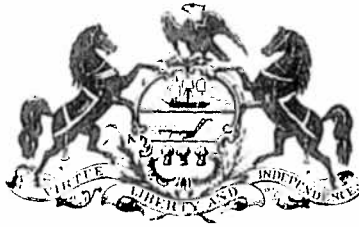
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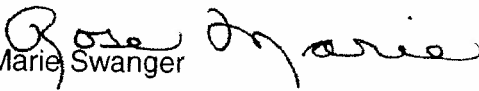
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HOUSE REPUBLICAN ENERGY TASK FORCE

Date: December 27, 2010

To: All House Members

From: Representative RoseMarie Swanger 

Subject: Co-sponsor – Re-introduction of HB 1193
**EXEMPT FROM ACCESS THE HOME ADDRESSES
OF AGENCY EMPLOYEES UNDER THE
PENNSYLVANIA RIGHT-TO-KNOW LAW**

I plan to re-introduce HB 1193 that would amend the Right-to-Know law in order to exempt from access the home addresses of employees of Commonwealth agencies, local agencies, judicial agencies, and legislative agencies. I do not believe that it is beneficial to the public to be permitted to access this information and the release of it could present a privacy risk for these employees.

One of the primary obstacles that the General Assembly faced several years ago when working to develop a new Right-to-Know law was striking the proper balance between the public's right to access government information and preserving an individual's right to privacy. In the end, our current law provides an exemption for certain personal identification information, such as Social Security, driver's license, and telephone numbers. However, with the exception of law enforcement officers and judges, an individual's home address is still fully accessible under the law.

What the current Right-to-Know law does not take into consideration is that agency employees, who work for public entities such as state government and school districts, often come in contact with the public every day. Human services personnel, for example, frequently work with prisoners, parolees, and mental health patients. The jobs held by agency employees place them in the public eye and make them known to individuals who may or may not be trustworthy. Thus, I believe there is a need for an additional layer of privacy for individuals who work in the public sector.

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 1193: SWANGER , BELFANTI , BENNINGHOFF , CLYMER , D. COSTA , CREIGHTON , CUTLER , DELOZIER , EVERETT , FLECK , GALLOWAY , GEORGE , GINGRICH , GOODMAN , GROVE , HARHAI , HORNAMAN , JOSEPHS , KILLION , KORTZ , MAJOR , McILVAINE SMITH , MELIO , MUNDY , MUSTIO , OBERLANDER , O'NEILL , PHILLIPS , PYLE , QUINN , REICHLEY , ROCK , SABATINA , SEIP , SIPTROTH , K. SMITH , STERN , J. TAYLOR , WANSACZ , WATSON , BROOKS and ROAE