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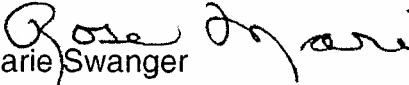
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DATE: December 27, 2010

TO: All House Members

FROM: Rep. RoseMarie Swanger 

SUBJECT: Co-sponsor – Re-introduction of HB 2367
FIVE-DAY BUDGET REVIEW ACT

I plan to re-introduce HB 2367 that would require that any bill that authorizes an expenditure of state funds or that intends to generate revenue must be posted on the General Assembly's public website for a five-day waiting period before a final vote in either chamber can be taken. The five-day waiting period would exclude Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, except when the chamber is in session. The waiting period would also apply to amendments to these bills, as well as any amendment or conference committee report that has a fiscal impact. The waiting period could only be waived by a two-thirds vote of the legislative body considering the legislation.

In order to increase transparency and accountability within state government, I believe that we must ensure that the public has the opportunity to thoroughly review any legislation that may have a fiscal impact on the Commonwealth.

While our House Rules currently require that a bill cannot receive a final vote until 24 hours after the bill and its amendatory language have been available to the public, I think we need to take this idea further in order to guarantee that the people have an opportunity to look at fiscal legislation and contact their legislators if they feel the need to do so.

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 2367: SWANGER , BROOKS , CREIGHTON , CUTLER , KAUFFMAN , MURT , ROCK , TALLMAN, J. TAYLOR , VULAKOVICH , HUTCHINSON , CLYMER , SCHRODER and SONNEY