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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the House of Representatives

FROM: Representative Scott Conklin

DATE: January 5, 2011

SUBJECT: Co-sponsorship Legislation – Early Voting
Former House Bill 46 of 2009-2010

In the near future, I plan to re-introduce legislation that would amend the Pennsylvania Election Code to allow for early voting in the Commonwealth.

Early voting permits electors to vote on a single or series of days prior to an election. My bill would allow qualified individuals to vote at designated polling places in their election districts beginning ten days before a general, municipal, or primary election. Major benefits of early voting include increased participation, which is the main goal of this legislation by making voting more convenient for electors. It also lowers costs. Secondly, early voting can fit into voters' schedules more easily and can alleviate the long lines and overtaxed poll-workers that have become problematic on Election Day.

If you would like to join me in co-sponsoring this important piece of legislation, please contact Suzanne Chadwick in my office (717) 787-9473 or schadwic@pahouse.net.