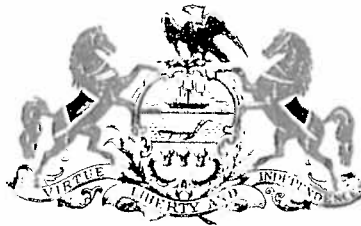


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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** All House Members  
**From:** Representative Seth Grove  
**Date:** January 5, 2010  
**Subject:** Co-sponsorship – Prohibiting General Assembly Members from Working or Being Affiliated with Lobbying Firms During the Member's Term (**Former HB 1490**)

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In the near future I intend to reintroduce House Bill 1490 from the 2009-2010 session prohibiting members of the General Assembly from working or being affiliated with lobbying firms during the member's term.

In the continuing effort to make state government more transparent and responsive to voters, the members of the General Assembly need to separate themselves from lobbyists and lobbying firms. Currently members can actually work for these firms while simultaneously serving as a member of the assembly; which creates a clear conflict of interest. Citizens of the Commonwealth have decried the special interest influence in our government. While lobbyists can serve a valuable function, even the appearance of wrongdoing by elected officials can prove harmful to democracy.

If enacted, violation of this law would constitute a third degree felony, barring violators from holding state elected office in the future. Enacting this bill would send a clear message to Pennsylvanians that their Representatives, and not lobbyists, are working for them.

If you would like to cosponsor this legislation, please contact Lisa Burkholder at [lburkhol@pahousegop.com](mailto:lburkhol@pahousegop.com) or 717-783-2655. Thank you for your consideration.

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