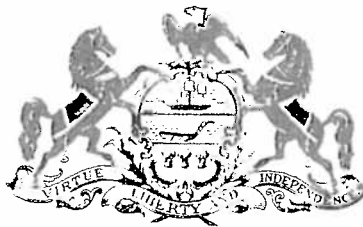


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MEMORANDUM

To: All House Members
From: Representative Seth Grove
196th Legislative District
Date: January 5, 2011
Subject: Co-sponsorship – Text Messaging and the “Do Not Call List” (**Former HB 2675**)

In the near future I plan to reintroduce House Bill 2675 from the 2009-2010 session. The “Telemarketer Registration Act” was signed into law in 1996 with the intent of limiting the ability telemarketers have to contact individuals by telephone across the Commonwealth. This was accomplished by establishing the “Do Not Call List” which residents across the Commonwealth can add their phone number to in order to eliminate solicitation-based phone calls. However, as technology has advanced, telemarketers have taken advantage and created new methods of reaching people. One of the most prominent methods telemarketers are now using is text messaging.

With this in mind, this legislation will restrict the ability telemarketers have to contact an individual’s cell phone via text message. By adding text messaging to the scope of the “Telemarketer Registration Act” the General Assembly would be taking another positive step in our efforts to ensure that individuals are being afforded the privacy they desire. Further, by applying the “Do Not Call List” to text messaging we can ensure consumers will not be billed for unwanted text messages from telemarketers. In order to register a cell phone under the text messaging portion of the “Do Not Call List” all a wanting individual would have to do is register his or her phone with the Attorney General’s office.

Please join me in my efforts to make Pennsylvania a more convenient place for its residents. If you would like to cosponsor this legislation, please contact Lisa Burkholder at lburkhol@pahousegop.com or 717-783-2655. Thank you for your consideration.

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