



*Senate of Pennsylvania*

# *Senator Larry Farnese*

## *1st Senatorial District*

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### *MEMO*

**Date:** *December 7, 2010*  
**To:** *All Senators*  
**From:** *Senator Lawrence M. Farnese, Jr.*  
**Subject:** *Co-sponsorship: Port Consolidation Feasibility Study*

The transportation assets of southeastern Pennsylvania and southern New Jersey create an integral hub for the region's trade and transportation. The residents of Philadelphia and the surrounding counties depend on the region's airport, port, rail transit, bridges for ease of commuting, as well as for supporting the competitiveness of the region in the global marketplace.

As such, I plan to introduce a resolution in the near future that would study the feasibility of consolidating various port and transportation assets in southeastern Pennsylvania and southern New Jersey under a regional, bi-state authority. The intent of this resolution is to study whether the consolidation of the operations and management of the transportation assets of the region may increase access to sustainable sources of transportation funding, increase port business and maximize job creation and the region's global competitiveness.

The resolution would call for the Joint State Government Commission to analyze the viability of a bi-state agency with the creation of a bi-partisan legislative task force as well as an advisory committee composed of 17 members representing the fields of transportation, finance, economic development, trade, and labor and management relations. The task force and advisory committee may hold public hearings to receive testimony and other information relevant to the study.

Please join me in supporting this move to assess what can be done

to increase port business and competitiveness.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Sally Keaveney in my office at 717-787-5662 or [skeaveney@pasenate.com](mailto:skeaveney@pasenate.com). If you would like to co-sponsor this resolution, please contact Brandie Pifer at 717-787-5662 or [bpifer@pasenate.com](mailto:bpifer@pasenate.com).