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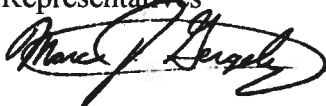
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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Members of the House of Representatives
FROM: Representative Marc Gergely 
DATE: January 10, 2011
SUBJECT: Co-sponsorship of Legislation – Adding Legislative Employees to the Whistleblower Law

I am soon planning to reintroduce legislation amending Pennsylvania's Whistleblower Law (Act 169 of 1986) to include employees of the General Assembly and its agencies.

Please note that this legislation was introduced during the 2009-2010 Legislative Session as House Bill 2365 (Drucker). It was approved **unanimously** by the House on April 20, 2010, but was not taken up by the Senate.

As you may be aware, our Whistleblower Law provides important employment protections to public employees when, in good faith, they report of instances of government wrongdoing or waste to an employer or appropriate authorities. However, the law is not currently applicable to legislative workers. My legislation seeks to make a simple amendment of the law to ensure equal coverage of legislative employees by including "the General Assembly and its agencies" under the definition of "public body."

I hope you will join me in co-sponsoring this legislation. If you would like to be added to the bill, please contact Brandi Kennedy in my office at bkennedy@pahouse.net or 783-1018.

Previous co-sponsors: Bishop, Boyd, Bradford, Briggs, Burns, Caltagirone, Conklin, D. Costa, Daley, Deasy, DePasquale, Drucker, Eachus, Gibbons, Goodman, Hornaman, Hutchinson, Josephs, Kortz, Mahoney, Manderino, Melio, McIlvaine Smith, Mirabito, Moul, Murphy, Santarsiero, Siptroth, K. Smith, R. Taylor, Vulakovich, White, and Youngblood.