

MEMORANDUM

DATE: JANUARY 12, 2011

TO: ALL HOUSE MEMBERS

FROM: REP. TIM BRIGGS

SUBJECT: CO-SPONSORSHIP REQUESTED - DISCLOSURE AND REPORTING OF POLITICAL COMMUNICATIONS

In the near future, I will re-introduce a proposal concerned with independent expenditures for certain political communications that cost in excess of \$1,000.

Briefly, my proposal would (1) prohibit the dissemination of a political communication that is paid for or intended to be paid for by an independent entity unless the sponsor is registered with the Department of State; (2) require a political communication to state the name of its sponsor and the identity of publisher or distributor, clearly; and (3) require an unauthorized political communication to, clearly and conspicuously, reveal that it is not authorized by or made in concert with the candidate who is the subject of the communication or by her/his political committee or a representative of the candidate or the candidate's political committee. Moreover, a registrant would also be required to file reports of receipts and expenditures related to an independent expenditure in the same form and manner as is currently required of political committees under the Pennsylvania Election Code. A person who failed to file a report would commit a misdemeanor.

If you would like to join me in sponsoring this proposal, please contact Anne Foreman at aforeman@pahouse.net or by calling 705-7011.