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Date:

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To:

All House Members

From:

Representative RoseMarie Swanger

Subject:

New Legislation

PENNSYLVANIA'S 10th AMENDMENT RIGHTS

In the near future, I will be introducing a resolution affirming the sovereignty of the several states.

When our country was founded over two hundred years ago, our Founding Fathers envisioned a form of government in which the federal government served as an agent of the states—and not the states serving as an agent of the federal government. They gave enumerated powers to the federal government, and enshrined powers not mentioned in the Constitution to the states, in the form of the 10th Amendment.

Today, federal legislation and funding compel states to serve the federal government, in a reversal of the structure originally intended. This resolution seeks to remind the federal government of their constitutional limitations while affirming Pennsylvania's 10th Amendment rights.

If you wish to cosponsor this resolution, please contact Lily Horst, 787-2686, or via e-mail at <a href="mailto:lhorst@pahousegop.com">lhorst@pahousegop.com</a>.