



Senate of Pennsylvania

MEMO

TO: All Senators

DATE: January 6, 2011

FROM: Senator Lisa M. Boseola

SUBJECT: Co-sponsorship of Legislation

In the near future, I plan to reintroduce legislation safeguarding our local communities from issues associated with increased out-of-state trash being hauled to our existing landfills.

These three bills together will do the following:

1. Require DEP to conduct a **community health risk study** before approving permits to expand a municipal landfill. DEP would also be required to conduct no less than three public hearings before approving a landfill permit modification (expansion).
2. Prohibit issuance of permits for siting new landfills or expanding existing landfills where voters have rejected the siting or expansion by **referendum vote**.
3. **Double the fines** for trash-hauling vehicles that exceed the gross weight currently allowed under the Solid Waste Management Act.

This is a reintroduction of Senate Bills 801, 802 and 803 from the previous legislative session. Other co-sponsors were Senators Fontana and Rafferty.

If you are interested in joining me as a co-sponsor of this important legislation, please contact Julie Carraghan in my office at 787-4236 or by e-mail at jcarraghan@pasenate.com.