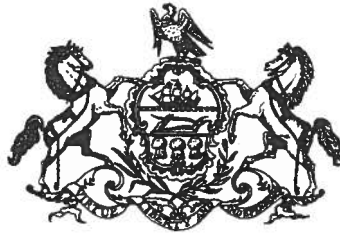


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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Members of the House of Representatives
FROM: Representative John Galloway
DATE: January 25, 2011
SUBJECT: Reintroduction of Legislation – **E-Verify for State Contractors and Construction Industry Employees**

In the coming weeks, I plan to reintroduce two bills:

- (1) Requiring the use of the Social Security Number Verification Service (NVS) and the E-Verify Program (EVP) by public contractors and subcontractors.
(Formerly House Bill 1502 of 2009)
- (2) Requiring the use of the Social Security Number Verification Service (NVS) and the E-Verify Program (EVP) by construction industry employers.
(Formerly House Bill 1503 of 2009)

I realize that many of you share my serious concern for employment and exploitation of unauthorized workers in Pennsylvania. As you may be aware, the federal government reserves complete authority for enforcement of immigration and related laws, and the Commonwealth has little ability to protect our residents from these crimes. As such, my legislation was carefully crafted and honed over the last legislative session in order to provide our state with an additional, legal and effective tool to ensure that employers hire only individuals who are authorized to work in this country.

Under my legislation, covered employers would be required to verify that current employees are legally permitted to work in the United States through the use of the NVS system and verify new employees through EVP. Both systems boast tremendous accuracy rates and are already widely used. Since 2009, a federal rule has required federal contractors to utilize these systems, and at least 14 other states require their use for public or other employers. My legislation would also set strongly needed penalties for employers who violate the act. In accordance with federal law, penalties would be nonmonetary, but may affect licensing and debarment for willful violations.

I hope that you will join me in supporting these important bills. If you would like to be added as a co-sponsor, please contact Juliann in my office at 717-787-1292.

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