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MEMORANDUM

TO: All House Members

FROM: Representative Stephen Barrar 

SUBJECT: Introduction of Legislation—Voter Registration, former HB 1636

DATE: January 20, 2011

Individuals who move into the Commonwealth, or move from one political subdivision to another in the Commonwealth, often have difficulty accessing government services and participating fully in the rights and responsibilities which accrue to residents. Requiring citizens to stand in multiple lines at multiple agencies at various levels of government is not an efficient means to provide necessary services to citizens or an efficient use of government employee resources. This interferes with voting rights, incorrectly transmitted tax information and withholding, and access to other government services. The General Assembly has, in the past, assisted individuals with reducing the governmental burdens associated with geographic moves through methods such as combining the driver's license and voter registration processes.

In order to make government more user-friendly, in the near future I will be introducing legislation to interconnect systems. Information from new voter registration applications would be transmitted to applicable state agencies and political subdivisions to determine if an applicant meets the residency requirements applicable to the services provided or duties imposed by that state agency or political subdivision. In turn, that state agency or political subdivision would be required to transmit to the applicant information concerning the rights and responsibilities of that applicant that fall within the authority of the state agency or political subdivision.

If you wish to join me in sponsoring this legislation, please contact Gina Buffington in my office at 783-3038 or email gbuffing@pahousegop.com. I would appreciate your support and co-sponsorship.

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