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MEMORANDUM

**To:** All House Members  
**From:** Representative John Hornaman  
**Date:** January 26, 2011  
**Re:** Co-Sponsorship- Re-introduction of HB 2539 of 2010, providing for stopgap funding for Presque Isle State Park

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In the near future I will re-introduce HB 2539 of 2010 which allows for the appropriation of funds to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) for the fiscal year July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012, for the purpose of maintaining services at Presque Isle State Park.

This legislation provides DCNR with \$3.4 million, or as much as may be needed, to maintain necessary funding through the end of September, should a budget not be in place by the stated constitutional deadline. The 2007 budget impasse, created a one day furlough of park employees causing the park to close temporarily, forcing families to cancel their vacation and recreational plans.

Approximately 4 million people visit the shores of Presque Isle each year, making the park a hub of the summer economy for the local municipalities and surrounding businesses. Closing the park due to a furlough would result in the loss of millions in revenue for local restaurants, hotels and shops further jeopardizing tourism dollars that benefit Millcreek, the City of Erie and Erie County.

If you would like to cosponsor this measure, please contact Carla Walker at my Harrisburg Office (717) 772-2297 or [cwalker@pahouse.net](mailto:cwalker@pahouse.net).