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House of Representatives

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA HARRISBURG

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Members of the House of Representatives

FROM:

Representative Matt Smith

DATE:

January 25, 2011

SUBJECT:

Co-Sponsorship of Legislation - Re-introduction of HB 908 of 2009 - Vehicle Sun Screening for

Persons with Oculocutaneous Albinism

In the near future, I plan to reintroduce legislation that would amend Title 75 (Vehicles) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to add a specific exemption to the prohibition of the use of sun-screening and other related materials on vehicles. A constituent in my district was recently diagnosed with oculocutaneous albinism and was unable to drive due to the current window tinting standards.

My legislation would provide a specific exemption for individuals diagnosed with oculocutaneous albinism. More specifically, under this bill, an individual suffering from this disorder will be granted the opportunity to utilize sunscreening devices or darker levels of window tint, not to exceed reflectivity of 15%, after a medical exemption, certified by a licensed physician or optometrist, is approved and issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.

Previous co-sponsors for former HB 908 included: BRENNAN , CALTAGIRONE , HARHAI , HENNESSEY , HESS , KORTZ , MAHONEY , PHILLIPS , QUINN , ROHRER , SIPTROTH , VULAKOVICH , WALKO and YOUNGBLOOD.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact Jamie Fetter at (717) 783-1850 or email jfetter@pahouse.net.