

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** All Members

**FROM:** Representative Eugene DePasquale

**DATE:** February 2, 2011

**RE:** Co-sponsorship of Legislation – Disclosure of Campaign Contributions by State Contractors

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In the near future I plan to introduce legislation to amend the Election Code to require specific disclosures by State contractors of the campaign contributions they have made to candidates and elected officials at all levels of government in the Commonwealth.

Everyone has recognized the need to re-establish the public's trust in all activities of their State government. Requiring more transparency in campaign contributions made by contractors and would-be contractors – and thus either dispelling or deterring the pay-to-play culture - is an important step in this direction. My bill would require that all persons answering a government agency's request for bids or proposals include a disclosure of campaign contributions made to candidates and elected officials at every level of government by individuals and continual updates during the term of a contract ultimately awarded and for a year after the completion of the contract. It would also require the disclosure of fundraising events held by the bidder or contractor or any of their affiliates. All of such disclosures would be specially posted on the Department of State's Internet website.

Please join me in co-sponsoring this legislation by contacting Cynthia Clory in m office at (717)787-7514 or [cclory@pahouse.net](mailto:cclory@pahouse.net).