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MEMORANDUM

DATE:

February 2, 2011

TO:

All House Members

FROM:

Representative Martin Causer WTC

67th Legislative District

SUBJECT:

Reintroduction of HR 129 - Lottery Fund Study

I am reintroducing legislation that I had proposed last session as House Resolution 129. This resolution calls upon the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a study of the State Lottery and its ability to continue to support programs and services for older Pennsylvanians. This study would provide us with a comprehensive overview of the various programs and services that the PA Lottery Fund currently supports, as well as looking at demographic forecasts in light of the baby boomer revolution.

As some of you may recall, a similar study was conducted in 1994 and results from that study have been taken into consideration in the development of many aging-related initiatives since that time. In light of a number of factors including declining profits, the effect of casino gambling, as well as the increasing trend of drawing upon the Fund to meet General Fund obligations, I believe that now is the time to examine the positive and negative factors that impact the Lottery so that we can steer a course for the future.

If you would like to become a co-sponsor of this legislation, please contact Jenise Wilfong at 787-5075 or via email at jwilfong@pahousegop.com.

Previous Co-Sponsors of HR 129: BAKER, BOBACK, CIVERA, CLYMER, CREIGHTON, EVERETT, FAIRCHILD, FLECK, GEIST, GINGRICH, GOODMAN, GROVE, HENNESSEY, HESS, HICKERNELL, M. KELLER, KILLION, MANDERINO, MARSICO, MILLER, MURT, OBERLANDER, O'NEILL, PAYNE, PHILLIPS, PICKETT, REICHLEY, ROAE, ROSS, SAYLOR, SCAVELLO, STERN, TALLMAN, TRUE, TURZAI, VULAKOVICH AND WATSON