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MEMORANDUM

TO: All House Members

FROM: Rep. Doug Reichley

**SUBJECT: Co-Sponsor Memo: Fax Machine/Commercial Message Restrictions
(Prior HB 861)**

DATE: February 1, 2011

As you all know, Pennsylvania has made strides over the course of recent years in order to improve its laws as it relates to the manner in which solicitors can contact Pennsylvania residents. The enactment of measures such as the "Do-Not Call List," and other similar legislative initiative have served to strengthen Commonwealth's consumer protection laws while setting in place provisions designed to keep up with technological innovations. However, there is no doubt that additional legislation is needed in order to ensure Pennsylvania's consumer protection laws are current and all-encompassing.

With this in mind, I will be re-introducing legislation in the near future which will prohibit any entity from faxing commercial messages to other fax machines, unless permission has been granted by the machine owner. Evidence of permission must be in the form of a signed, written statement that includes the telephone number for the fax machine to which any commercial electronic mail message may be sent.

Please join me in my efforts to strengthen Pennsylvania's consumer protection laws, while also making them more conducive for residents. If you wish to co-sponsor this important piece of legislation, please contact my Harrisburg assistant Kendra Wiederhold at 787-1000 or kwiederh@pahousegop.com.