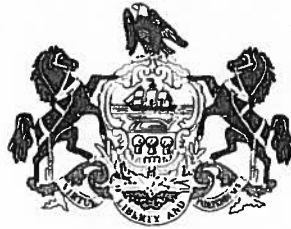


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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: All House Members

FROM: Representative Mark M. Gillen  
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RE: Co-Sponsorship – Amending the Agricultural Area Security Law

DATE: January 28, 2011

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It has recently come to my attention that certain farms are not eligible for our farmland preservation program because they are bisected by a railroad. The minimum criteria for preservation eligibility includes a factor that a farm must be “contiguous acreage” of a minimum number of acres. The definition of “contiguous acreage” currently exists in the regulations at 7 PaCode, Chapter 138e and includes acreage under one operational unit that may be divided by streams, roads, and bridges, but not by railroads.

Therefore, I will introduce legislation that will remove this definition from the regulation and add it to the Agricultural Area Security Law (Act 1981-43) in order to add a provision for railroads.

If you would like to cosponsor this resolution, please contact Michelle Clabaugh via email at [mclabaug@pahousegop.com](mailto:mclabaug@pahousegop.com) or by calling 787-8550. Thank you.

MMG:mdc