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TO: All Senators

FROM: Senator Anthony H. Williams

SUBJECT: Co-sponsorship of Legislation: **Qualifications to Solemnize Marriage**

In the near future, I will be reintroducing Senate Bill 1208 from the 2009 – 2010 legislative session. This bill will amend Title 23 (Domestic Relations) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes. Currently, the statute prohibits religious organizations from marrying couples if at least one of the parties is not a member of that religious organization.

Under this amendment, religious organizations would be allowed to solemnize marriages without the requisite that at least one person be a member of that organization.

Previous co-sponsors of this legislation include Senators Tartaglione, Leach and Costa.

If you wish to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact Donald Gordon, Esq., at 787-5970 or email dgordon@pasenate.com.