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MEMORANDUM

TO:

All House Members

FROM:

Garth Everett, State Representative

84th Legislative District

DATE:

February 7, 2011

SUBJECT:

Introduction of Legislation - Waste Utility Poles and Railroad

Ties

In the near future, I plan to introduce legislation that will amend Act 213, known as the Alternative Energy Portfolio Standards Act. I hope to specifically amend the act to permit the use of waste utility poles and railroad ties to be included as an eligible biomass energy resource.

The use of this material would be limited to those facilities which employ the best available air pollution control technology. The proper disposal of these materials has been a challenge, while it has been recognized that the BTU value of this material is high and can be a very effective energy source. This proposal would attempt to address these two issues, while protecting our air quality by requiring the use of the most up to date air pollution control.

Please join me in cosponsoring this legislation by contacting Chanin Zwing at 787-5270 or via e-mail at czwing@pahousegop.com. Thank you.

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