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MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 4, 2011

TO: All House Members

FROM: Representative Martin Causer *MTC*
67th Legislative District

SUBJECT: Reintroduction of Legislation – Formerly HB 1946 – **911 Exact Room Location**

In the near future I will be reintroducing legislation that will require multi-line telephone systems, in buildings with a large square footage space/multiple rooms, to have Private Branch Exchange (PBX) technology as a component of their multi-line phone system. This Private Switch Automatic Location Identification (PSALI) provision will allow 911 centers and emergency responders to identify the exact room/location of a 911 caller, thereby preventing the situation where an ambulance arrives at a large office building/dormitory, and does not know which floor or room the emergency is occurring. This is a plausible occurrence for a victim that dials 911 and then is incapacitated well before other people in the building are aware of the emergency.

Large buildings that would be required to install this PBX technology would only have to do so when they next upgrade their telephone system or within seven (7) years of the effective date of this legislation, whichever is sooner. Therefore, from a financial standpoint, they have flexibility in budgeting/planning this minimal upgrade cost. Estimated costs are a few thousand dollars, depending on the size of the building and scope of their phone system. Many of these large buildings (office buildings, campus dorms, schools, government buildings...etc.) are already adopting this PBX technology for business and liability reasons, as well as public safety and private security reasons. Therefore, I do not see this public safety provision as a crippling mandate on business or large facility institutions. This legislation is strongly supported by the Pennsylvania National Emergency Number Association (NENA) and the Association of Professional Communications Officials of Pennsylvania (APCO).

If you would like to become a co-sponsor of this legislation, please contact Jenise Wilfong, at 7-5075 or jwilfong@pahousegop.com.

Previous Co-Sponsors of HB 1946: CREIGHTON, FAIRCHILD, FLECK, GEIST, GINGRICH, HENNESSEY, HORNAMAN, MILLER, MURT, QUINN, RAPP, ROEBUCK, SAYLOR, SIPROTH, SONNEY, VULAKOVICH AND YOUNGBLOOD