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MEMORANDUM

TO: All House Members
FROM: Representative Jim Cox
DATE: February 4, 2011
SUBJECT: "Lame Duck" Legislation

For many years, there have been discussions regarding legislative actions taken during the "lame duck" session of the General Assembly. As you know, this is the voting session that falls between the General Election and the completion of the two-year term, at the end of November.

It has been suggested that we should eliminate the post-election voting session, in its entirety, and legislation to that effect may be introduced. However, as an alternative, I am introducing legislation that would strengthen the required vote count needed to enact legislation during that period.

My proposal is a Joint Resolution, proposing to amend the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The amendment would require a concurrence of two-thirds of all Members of each House for passage of legislation considered during the time period between a General Election and November 30.

At a time when the public has lost some of their confidence in the General Assembly, I believe this legislation would be a positive step toward regaining some of that public trust.

If you are interested in co-sponsoring this legislative proposal, please contact Jen Sellers at 772-2435 or via email at jeseller@pahousegop.com.