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Senate of Pennsylvania

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Senators

FROM: Senator Tim Solobay 

DATE: February 15, 2011

SUBJECT: Co-Sponsorship Memo #5: Contributions to Lupus Foundation

As a member of the Lupus Caucus, in the near future, I plan to reintroduce House Bill 144 of 2009-10.

This bill would amend the act of March 4, 1971 (P.L.6, No.2) known as the Tax Reform Code of 1971. It would provide for a space on the individual income tax form where individuals can voluntarily donate an amount of their choosing for the Lupus Foundation of Pennsylvania or the Lupus Foundation of America, Southeastern PA Chapter.

As you may know, lupus is an inflammatory disease in which an unstable immune system begins to attack its own tissue and organs. While most people experience milder cases of lupus, this disease can be fatal. To this day, the causes of lupus are unknown and minority women are disproportionately diagnosed with lupus compared to other demographics.

These lupus foundations rely on the generosity of others to continue to provide education and awareness about this debilitating disease. I hope that you will join me in helping to make it easier for Pennsylvanians to contribute to this cause.

If you have any questions or would like to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact Rachel Moore at rmoore@pasenate.com or 7-1463.