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Senate of Pennsylvania

MEMORANDUM

TO: All Senators

FROM: Senator Tim Solobay 

DATE: February 15, 2011

SUBJECT: Co-Sponsorship Memo #11: Designating April 2011 as "Lupus Alert Month" in Pennsylvania

As a member of the Lupus Caucus, in the near future, I plan to reintroduce a Resolution I sponsored during my time in the House (HR208 of 2009-10), which will designate April 2011 as "Lupus Alert Month" in Pennsylvania. This day will help us raise awareness for Lupus education across the Commonwealth.

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 there are no known permanent cures for it. Minority women are disproportionately diagnosed with lupus compared to other demographics; as such, much of the efforts will be especially geared toward African American, Latino, Asian and Native American communities.

I hope you will join me in co-sponsoring this legislation as we continue to draw attention to this very painful disease.

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