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MEMORANDUM

To: All House Members

From: Representative Mark Longietti

Date: February 21, 2011

RE: Co-sponsorship of legislation expanding the Rail Freight Advisory Committee

I invite your co-sponsorship of legislation amending the Rail Freight Preservation and Improvement Act to expand the membership of the Rail Freight Advisory Committee. Currently, the committee has 24 members including rail shipping representatives from the areas of coal, steel, railway and intermodal, as well as a representative from the Pennsylvania Chamber of Commerce. However, the committee does not currently have labor representatives from each of these areas, nor does it have a representative from the Pennsylvania AFL-CIO. My legislation would add 5 new members to the committee, being a labor representative for the areas of coal, steel, railway and intermodal and a representative from the Pennsylvania AFL-CIO.

The use of rail freight is important to both the companies involved and to the workforce employed, and both have a vested interest in the future of rail freight. As such, I believe that it is important to not only have industry voices on the Rail Freight Advisory Committee, but to also include labor voices on that committee. If you agree and would like to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact my Assistant, Bob Brownawell at 772-4035 or by e-mail at rbrownaw@pahouse.net

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