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Senate of Pennsylvania

TO: All Senators

FROM: Senator Timothy J. Solobay

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SUBJECT: Cosponsorship - Emergency shut-off controls for self-service gas pumps.

DATE: January 25, 2011

In the near future, I will be introducing legislation that will enhance the safety of self-service gasoline pumps by updating the requirements for emergency shut-off controls. This legislation incorporates the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards into the "Combustible and Flammable Liquids Act."

This bill will allow for fuel dispensing systems to have multiple emergency control devices and electrical disconnects to be used to shutdown all pumps at an attended self-service gasoline station during an emergency in the gasoline pump area. The bill would establish acceptable distance limitations for emergency control devices from the self-service islands and provide for each fuel dispensing device to be in "clear view" of the attendant at all times.

Surrounding states, Delaware, New York, Maryland, Virginia, and Ohio, have all adopted NFPA standards providing for multiple emergency shut-off devices to improve the safety of consumers and staff alike. This legislation will apply to any new modification or construction of installation of fuel dispensing systems.

If you are interested in co-sponsoring this legislation, please contact Mary at mflaherty@pasenate.com or by phone at 787-1463.

Thank you.