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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** All House Members

**From:** Representative Seth Grove  
196<sup>th</sup> Legislative District

Representative Adam Harris  
82<sup>nd</sup> Legislative District

**Date:** March 1, 2011

**Subject:** Proposed Legislation – Legalizing Quarter Auctions as a Small Game of Chance

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In the near future, we plan to introduce legislation that will give licensed organizations under the Local Option Small Games of Chance Act an opportunity to offer an additional type of game to their patrons.

As you know, earlier this year, the York County DA, Tom Kearney, issued a press release stating that “quarter auctions” are not a legal small game of chance. As the release states, “Quarter auctions are really nothing more than a form of a progressive raffle or drawing. While they are legal in some states, quarter auctions are illegal in Pennsylvania.”

Current law states that only punchboards, daily drawings, weekly drawings, raffles, and pull-tabs are permitted to be played by a licensed eligible organization. Our legislation would expand this to include “coin auctions” such as quarter auctions as small game of chance.

Our legislation would define a “coin auction” as a game in which a participant buys a paddle for a chance to bid on a donated prize with the winner determined by a random drawing. Simply put, our legislation gives our local charitable organizations an additional way to raise money for their organizations.

If you would like to cosponsor this legislation, please contact Lisa Burkholder at [lburkhol@pahousegop.com](mailto:lburkhol@pahousegop.com) or 717-783-2655. Thank you for your consideration.