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DATE:

March 3, 2011

SUBJECT:

Agriculture-Related Vehicle Code Changes

(Former House Bill 737)

TO:

All House Members

FROM:

Representative Dave Hickernell

I will shortly be re-introducing my legislation from last session (HB 737) intended to revise the Vehicle Code (Title 75, PACS) to address concerns related to movement of implements of husbandry and other agricultural equipment on roads of the Commonwealth. These changes are necessary in order to reflect the type of equipment and farming activity employed today and to address inconsistent interpretations of current law.

The legislation will address issues such as:

- Allowable daytime and nighttime maximum vehicle widths
- Required lighting or other safety measures appropriate to various widths and hours of operation
- Clarification of certain definitions
- Clarification of certain vehicle registration requirements
- Appropriate distinctions between the same equipment when operated by owneroperators and custom-operators

If you are interested in co-sponsoring this legislation, please contact Cathy O'Donnell in my Harrisburg office at 783-2076 or via e-mail at <u>codonnel@pahousegop.com</u>.

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