



Senate of Pennsylvania

MEMO

TO: All Senators

DATE: January 19, 2011

FROM: Senator Lisa M. Boseola

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SUBJECT: Co-sponsorship of Legislation

In the near future, I plan to introduce a joint resolution that seeks to amend our state's Congressional redistricting process, and I invite you to join me as a co-sponsor.

This resolutions calls for a Legislative and Congressional Reapportionment Bureau to be established within the Commonwealth. The Bureau will consist of a panel whose members do not hold any political or party office. This proposal is similar to the redistricting model that is currently used in the state of Iowa. It aims to take partisanship and politics out of the reapportionment and redistricting process altogether.

The current system allows lawmakers to have a hand in drawing their own districts, an outright conflict of interest that gives an advantage to an incumbent legislator or political party. Districts need to be drawn in a responsible manner, not under political or party influence.

This is a reintroduction of Senate Bill 795 from the previous legislative session. Co-sponsors included Senators Fontana, Washington, Kitchen, Farnese, Folmer, Erickson, Brubaker, Stout, Baker and Browne.

If you are interested in joining me as a co-sponsor of this important legislation, please contact Julie Carraghan in my office at 787-4236 or by e-mail at jcarraghan@pasenate.com.