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**TO:** Members of the House of Representatives

**FROM:** Rep. Tina Davis  
106 East Wing *TMD*

**DATE:** March 2, 2011

**SUBJECT:** Request for Co-Sponsorship of Resolution Encouraging Zero-Waste

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In the near future, I will introduce a resolution encouraging all Pennsylvania State Agencies, Departments, Townships, Municipalities, and citizens to adopt Zero-Waste programs.

As you may know, Zero-Waste is the careful planning of the production, purchase, and use of goods so that manufacturers, government, businesses, and individuals repair, repurpose, reuse, recycle, or compost their trash rather than disposing it in a landfill.

According to the Northeast Recycling Council and the Institute for Local Self-Reliance, recycling and Zero-Waste programs could help sustain more than 170,000 well-paying Pennsylvania jobs. All facets of our Commonwealth will benefit from Zero-Waste through increased sustainability, reduced waste disposal costs, reduced environmental impact, and lower purchasing prices for consumers.

Similar programs have been enacted across the country by communities and Fortune 500 companies alike. They include Boulder Colorado, Subaru Motors, Xerox Inc, San Francisco California, Hewlett-Packard, Honda Motors, Walmart, and many others.

I believe that the Commonwealth should help inform, educate, and inspire people to help foster a cleaner environment for the generations of Pennsylvanians yet to come. If you share my vision, I hope that you will join with me in co-sponsoring this important resolution. Please contact Debi Brady in my office at 738-4893 or [dbrady@pahouse.net](mailto:dbrady@pahouse.net) to become a co-sponsor.