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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** All House Members

**FROM:** Representative Daryl Metcalfe  
12<sup>th</sup> Legislative District

**DATE:** March 18, 2011

**RE:** Co-sponsorship Request  
Proof of Citizenship for Political Candidates

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In light of the controversy regarding citizenship and public officials, I will be introducing legislation that will require candidates for public office to include with their affidavit of candidacy proof that they meet the qualifications necessary to hold the office being sought.

For all candidates, except for candidates for President and Vice President of the United States, the required attachments will include proof of citizenship, proof of age and proof of residency. For candidates for President, the required attachments will include proof that the candidate is a natural born citizen, proof of age and proof of residency. Candidates for Vice President, who are not currently subject to a candidate affidavit requirement, will, under my proposal, submit an affidavit and documentation providing proof of natural born citizenship, proof of age and proof of residency to the Secretary of the Commonwealth. I believe that this proposal is one of the many steps that we can take to restore the faith of the voting public in the electoral process.

As we know, legitimate questions periodically arise regarding the qualifications of a candidate for public office. What better way to resolve such questions than to require candidates to provide proof of their qualifications at the time they file their nomination petitions or nomination papers.

My proposal is particularly timely in light of the many important state legislative and congressional races taking place this year. Therefore, I encourage you to cosponsor this important legislation by contacting Jessica Smith at 783-1707 or via e-mail at [jasmith@pahousegop.com](mailto:jasmith@pahousegop.com).

Thank you.

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