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**TO:** All House Members  
**FROM:** Rep. Marguerite Quinn *MCQ*  
Member, 143<sup>rd</sup> Legislative District  
**DATE:** March 17, 2011  
**SUBJECT:** **Inclusion of Fluorescent Lamps and Tubes in Municipal Recycling Programs  
~ Former House Bill 806**

In the near future, I will re-introduce my former HB 806, which would permit the inclusion of all varieties of fluorescent lamps and tubes in the list of eligible materials that can be accepted in municipal recycling programs. Passage of this bill will encourage greater recycling of these bulbs, which will keep them from our local landfills, and provide a positive reuse of these materials.

Significant electric energy savings are experienced by simply switching from traditional incandescent light bulb use to fluorescent lighting. Lighting expenses account for nearly 20 percent of the average home's electric bill. A typical compact fluorescent light bulb, for example, uses up to 75 percent less energy than a standard incandescent bulb, and will last up to 10 times longer ~ offering a quick return on investment.

Fluorescent lighting should not be thrown away when worn out. Consumers should be able to recycle these bulbs. However, such recycling will require legislation that allows for the inclusion of these type materials in our municipal recycling programs. My proposal does just that by creating additional options for the recycling of this technology in our municipalities.

Please join me in sponsoring this much-needed legislation to bring our current municipal recycling programs up to speed with current lighting options.

Thank you for your consideration. RSVPs for co-sponsorship are being accepted by Teresa Wagner at 717.772.1413 or via email @ [twagner@pahousegop.com](mailto:twagner@pahousegop.com).

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