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TO: All Senators
FROM: Senator John C. Rafferty, Jr.
DATE: March 18, 2011
RE: Co-sponsorship

I will be reintroducing legislation from last session (SB 721) which prohibits the use of trichloroethylene in facilities that manufacture narrow tubing.

This legislation establishes limitations for trichloroethylene in facilities that manufacture narrow tubing and requires these facilities to meet the emission limitation standards for a halogenated hazardous air pollutant solvent as contained in 40 CFR Pt. 63 (relating to national air emission standards for hazardous air pollutants; halogenated solvent cleaning). The limitation regulations will expire one year after the effective date of this legislation and any future use of TCE in Pennsylvania would be prohibited.

This legislation would have tremendous significance throughout the Commonwealth, especially in my Senatorial District, where there are two narrow tube manufacturers that use TCE in their operations. One of these manufacturers, Superior Tube Company, has had multiple spills or leaks recently, and continues to put the health of local residents in jeopardy with this carcinogenic chemical. TCE has compromised the health of the residents of Pennsylvania for decades. It is time that we prohibit its use altogether.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact Sean Moll by e-mail at smoll@pasen.gov or by phone at (717) 783-0192.