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MEMORANDUM

| TO: | Members of the House of Representatives | |
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| FROM: | Representative Neal P. Goodman | |
| DATE: | March 31, 2011 | |
| RE: | Co-Sponsor Memo: Campaign Finance Reform – Contribution | Limits |

In the near future, I will be introducing legislation to establish campaign contribution limits for candidates for elected office in Pennsylvania. Such limits are long overdue – we are one of only a handful of states without such limits. I firmly believe that establishing campaign contribution limits is one of the most important reforms we can undertake in the General Assembly.

My bill would adopt the same contribution limits as the limits for federal elections under the Federal Election Campaign Act, and the limits would apply to all candidates seeking state or local elected offices. In addition, like the federal law, the contribution limits would increase in odd-numbered years by the amounts set by the Federal Election Commission based on inflation. I realize numerous campaign finance proposals have been offered in recent years. However, I feel it would be much easier for everyone if we began by adopting the federal guidelines. If we can elect a President and 535 members of Congress with these limits, the limits should be adequate to elect a governor and 253 members of the Pennsylvania General Assembly.

If you would like to join me in co-sponsoring this legislation please contact Linda Reed at <u>lreed@pahouse.net</u> or 787-2798.

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