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**MEMORANDUM**

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

**FROM:** Representative Eddie Day Pashinski

**DATE:** May 23, 2011

**SUBJECT:** **Co-sponsorship of Legislation – Public Official/Public Employee Oil and Gas Employment Restriction**

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In the near future, I will be introducing legislation that will amend Title 65 (Public Officers) and restrict public officials and public employees from seeking employment with oil and gas companies for the first two years after their departure from a public entity.

As public officials, it is our duty to ensure that we refrain from engaging in any activities that may create a conflict of interest. To ensure public trust, the General Assembly has required public officials and public employees to abstain from representing any individual on matters that may come before a governmental body by which they were employed one year after leaving their position. Due to the rapid growth of the Marcellus Shale drilling industry and other oil and gas related companies, it is imperative that we ensure the integrity of public entities, including the General Assembly, to guarantee the fair and equal representation of all interests. As such, I am asking for your support in restricting public officials and public employees from accepting employment with an oil or gas company that is involved with exploration or extraction activities in the Commonwealth for at least two years after their resignation from public service.

As trusted elected officials, we must assure that actions taken by both public officials and public employees are not dubious and are in the best interest of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact Lauren Bordner at [lbordner@pahouse.net](mailto:lbordner@pahouse.net).