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Senate of Pennsylvania

**DATE:** June 1, 2011

**TO:** All Senators

**FROM:** Senator John R. Gordner

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**SUBJECT: Proposed Legislation on the transfer of the Pennsylvania Conservation Corps from the Department of Labor and Industry to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources**

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In the near future, I will be introducing legislation that will transfer the Pennsylvania Conservation Corps (PCC) from the Department of Labor and Industry (L&I) to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR).

The PCC is a statewide program that offers work experience, job training and educational opportunities to young people who complete conservation, recreation and historical preservation projects on the state's public lands. PCC corps members are between the ages of 18-25 and they work in crews under the guidance of skilled, adult crew leaders. Some 14,000 young people have served since the program began in 1984. The Corps has completed more than 1000 projects, including work in every Pennsylvania county.

The PCC line item was eliminated in Governor Tom Corbett's proposed budget and House Bill 1485 – the House Republican budget proposal. By transferring PCC from L&I to DCNR, the program could be funded through the Oil and Gas Lease Fund. DCNR already employs seasonal workers, similar to PCC crew leaders, and state parks and state forests are two of the primary beneficiaries of PCC projects.

Please call my office at 787-8928 if you are interested in cosponsoring this legislation.