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MEMORANDUM

To: All House Members

From: Representative Robert Matzie 

Date: June 14, 2011

Re: **Legislator Financial Interest Act**

In the near future, I plan to introduce legislation that will prohibit current and former members of the General Assembly from having financial interests in charter schools, private schools, and businesses or nonprofit corporations that manage a school that receives an appropriation of funds from the Commonwealth.

It is my belief that these checks and balances are necessary to ensure the fair and equal representation of all interests that are brought before the House and Senate.

As the debate over school choice continues in both chambers, the funneling of additional tax dollars, in the form of vouchers, to private and charter schools becomes a major issue. As such, I believe that current and former members should be prohibited from having financial interests in charter schools, private schools, and businesses or nonprofit corporations that manage a school that receives an appropriation of funds from the Commonwealth. It is our duty as legislators to make certain that the interests of all parties are represented impartially and without influence.

Please join me in sponsoring this important legislation. If you are interested in co-sponsoring this legislation, please contact Keontay Hodge in my office via email at khodge@pahouse.net or at 717-787-4444.