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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Senators

FROM: Senator Tim Solobay

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DATE: June 23, 2011

SUBJECT: Co-Sponsorship Memo #36: Resolution – Natural Gas Conversion for State Fleet Vehicles

In the near future, I plan to introduce a resolution that would direct the Department of General Services to engage in a “study to determine the associated costs and feasibility of converting and retrofitting State-owned vehicles with compressed natural gas and liquefied natural gas engines for the purpose of modernizing the State fleet.”

As you may know, Pennsylvania is at the forefront of the natural gas industry, and our resource supply puts us in a position to reap great benefits from using this asset wisely. One of the ways in which we can do this is by setting an example for the Commonwealth through utilizing natural gas in our state fleet. This would encourage us to make the updates and changes to our infrastructure to handle the new automotive fuel technologies that are currently emerging. Along with the use of hybrid and electric vehicles, filling our cars with natural gas will take us a long way to reducing our dependence on foreign oil and boosting our economy.

Looking into the feasibility and costs of this conversion is the first step in a process to make the leader in domestic fuel. I hope you will join me in co-sponsoring this resolution and I look forward to the results of the study.

If you have any questions or would like to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact my office at 7-1463.