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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Senators

FROM: Senator Michael Waugh **MIKE**

SUBJECT: Co-sponsorship of legislation  
*Congressional Vacancy Elections*

DATE: June 30, 2011

I am reintroducing Senate Bill 733, which amends the *Pennsylvania Election Code* to provide for elections in the event of a catastrophic loss that results in a vacancy in Pennsylvania's delegation to the United States House of Representatives. This concept was developed in the wake of the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

Under the bill, a "catastrophic loss" is defined as a natural or man-made event that causes a vacancy in at least one-fourth of the total number of offices of the United States House of Representatives - including any number of legislators representing Pennsylvania - or at least one-fourth of the total number of legislators representing Pennsylvania. The bill also sets out a timeline for when these elections are to occur.

Co-sponsors of Senate Bill 733 during the 2009-10 session of the General Assembly were Senators Alloway, Baker, Brubaker, Greenleaf, Rafferty, Robbins, Ward, Wozniak and Yaw.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact Debbie Clark in my office at 787-3817, or e-mail her at [dclark@pasen.gov](mailto:dclark@pasen.gov).