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Memo

To: All Members of the House of Representatives
From: Representative Fred Keller *FBK*
Date: 9/22/2011
Re: Legislative Co-Sponsorship

In the near future, I plan to introduce legislation amending the Municipal Waste Planning, Recycling and Waste Reduction Act, (Act 101), and commonly known as the Commonwealth's Recycling Law.

Specifically, I intend to amend Section 1501 of the act, so that the population residing in any state or federal facility is not considered in determining compliance with Act 101. This proposal would further require that the facility also have in place a recycling program administered by the state or federal government.

Current law requires that a community with a population of 5,000 and above adopt a community-wide recycling program. The most recent decennial census is used to calculate this number. The procedure used by the U.S. Census Bureau is to include the number of residents of any state or federal facility within the municipality as part of that community's population. While this may be appropriate and beneficial for a variety of programs, most if not all of these facilities, especially federal facilities, participate in robust federal recycling programs. Consequently, the municipality, while being required to implement a recycling program, would receive no tangible benefit.

The legislation I am proposing attempts to level this playing field and avoid unnecessary duplication of efforts and costs. *If you are interested in joining me as a co-sponsor of this legislation, please contact Sharon Jones at (717) 787-3443 or via email at sjones@pahousegop.com.*