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TO: ALL HOUSE MEMBERS

FROM: REP. MATT BAKER

DATE: OCTOBER 7, 2011

**SUBJECT: PROPOSED LEGISLATION – CAPITAL BUDGET –
FLOOD DAMAGED HIGHWAYS**

In the very near future, I plan to introduce legislation that will authorize the Commonwealth to incur debt of up to \$75 million to repair flood-damaged highways.

As you know, many areas in the eastern part of the state have endured enormous damage as a result of Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee. At this present time, our local municipalities in conjunction with FEMA continue to assess the full extent of the damages suffered by the affected areas.

In addition, as many as 13 counties have received Emergency Declarations for Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee. According to recent testimony by PEMA director Glenn Cannon, one-third of these counties have been assessed and the amount of damage calculated so far is in excess of \$130 million.

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania will need to provide its share of matching funds in order to receive federal funding to meet the flood-damaged needs of our local communities; currently a 25% match.

Please join me in sponsoring this legislation so that Pennsylvania is prepared to assist our local governments with repairing and rebuilding the public's infrastructure.

If you wish to sponsor this legislation, please contact Gina Strine in my Harrisburg office at 772-5769 or via email at Gstrine@pahousegop.com

Thank you!