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MEMORANDUM

TO: All House Members
FROM: Representative Sandra J. Major *SJM*
DATE: October 12, 2011
RE: Co-Sponsorship of legislation to establish a "Flood Emergency of 2011 Bond Authorization Act."

In the near future, I will be introducing legislation that authorizes the Commonwealth to borrow, as necessary, up to \$250 million under Article VIII Section 7(a)(1) of the Pennsylvania Constitution for the state's share of flood related highway and bridge rehabilitation projects in areas affected by Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee.

As you are aware, under the federal "Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act," there is a 75% federal and 25% state cost share for these public assistance and disaster mitigation projects. My legislation will allow the Commonwealth to meet its 25% cost share obligation, thereby allowing the state to rehabilitate public infrastructure that was damaged or destroyed during these historic and devastating flooding events.

If you would like to become a co-sponsor of this legislation, please contact Jennifer Harrison jharriso@pahousegop.com or call 783-2910.