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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Cosponsorship of Legislation – Capitol Budget (Flood Damaged Bridges)

TO: All House Members

FROM: Representative Karen Boback
Room 141-B, East Wing

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen Boback".

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 bridges.

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.

I hope you will 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 co-sponsor this legislation please contact Brenda Zablotzky at 787-1117 or via e-mail at bzablots@pahousegop.com to add you name. Thank you for your interest and support.

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