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MEMORANDUM

October 27, 2011

TO: All House Members
FROM: Representative Cutler *BC*
RE: Change of Venue Legislation

Recently, I introduced House Bill 1552 which amends the Judicial Code (Title 42) to require that any personal injury civil suit must be filed and resolved in the jurisdiction where the injury or negligent act allegedly occurred.

On Monday, October 24th, the Judiciary Committee held a hearing on this legislation. After considering the testimony of several individuals, I have re-drafted the language with the following changes:

- Changing "venue" to "jurisdiction of the court"
- Expanding from where the cause of action arose to also include the county in which the plaintiff resides

Given these changes, I am circulating a co-sponsorship memo for those who wish to sponsor this initiative and I am also listing the members who had co-sponsored House Bill 1552. I am also attaching a copy of the new language.

Should you wish to be included, please contact my secretary Jennifer at jwilliam@pahousegop.com or 783-6424.

Encl.
BC/jjw

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