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## **MEMORANDUM**

To: All House Members

From: Representative Mike Reese

Date: January 18, 2012

Subject: Proposed Legislation to Amend Act 129 of 2008 – Consumer consent for information

sharing

I plan to introduce legislation to amend Title 66 (Public Utilities) to add "government agencies" to the list of specifically enumerated third parties where customer consent is required in order for an electric distribution company to provide access to customer meters and meter data.

Act 129 of 2008 requires electric distribution companies to develop energy efficiency and conservation plans and other programs to provide energy education and conservation incentives to consumers. As part of this mandate, Act 129 requires electric distribution companies, with the consent of the customer, to provide direct meter access and electronic meter data to third parties including electric generation suppliers and providers of conservation and load management services. While it makes sense for certain third parties that provide electric generation and other related or ancillary services to consumers to have access to the data necessary to ensure that consumers are properly billed for the services they receive, I'm concerned about this information being shared with government agencies without prior customer consent.

This bill will ensure that consumer consent is required before an electric distribution company may share customer meter data or provide meter access to a government agency.

If you wish to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact Candace VanScyoc via email at <a href="mailto:cvansycoc@pahousegop.com">cvansycoc@pahousegop.com</a>