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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives

FROM: Reps. Greg Vitali and Bill Adolph

DATE: April 2, 2012

**SUBJECT: Co-Sponsorship Resolution-Designating the Month of April as
"Distracted Driving Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania**

Tomorrow, I will introduce a resolution with Representative Adolph designating the month of April as "Distracted Driving Awareness Month" in Pennsylvania.

The concern over motor vehicle accidents resulting from distracted driving has continued to grow. Distracted driving is not confined to a single cause, age group, level of education, or driver demographic, and has become a serious threat to the health and safety of citizens in the U.S and here in Pennsylvania.

In 2009, 5,474 people were killed and 448,000 were injured nationally in accidents due to distracted driving. 20% of accidents in 2009 involved reports of distracted driving.

There is an average of 332 accidents and 4 deaths every day in Pennsylvania. In 2010, distracted driving was the fourth most common contributing factor in accidents.

It is important that we continue to encourage safe driving habits among all Pennsylvania drivers and remain attentive every time we sit behind the wheel.

If you wish to support this resolution by joining us as a co-sponsor, please call my office at: 787-7647 or email Terri Koller at tkoller@pahouse.net.