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DATE: May 25, 2012

TO: All House Members

FROM: Representative Justin Simmons
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RE: Co-Sponsorship of Legislation: **Absentee Ballot Envelope**

It has been brought to my attention that envelopes used to convey absentee ballots through the mail include a notation as to the party affiliation of the voter. I am concerned that someone intent on perpetrating fraud might use the partisan affiliation information on the envelope to selectively manipulate or destroy the ballots.

Therefore, in the near future, I intend to introduce legislation that will ensure that absentee ballot mailing envelopes do not include a notation of the party affiliation of the absentee voter. The proposal will amend section 1304 of the Election Code to establish that a county board of elections may not print the political party affiliation of an absentee voter on the larger mailing envelope.

If you wish to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact Lori McCauslin 717-783-1673,
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