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MEMORANDUM

TO: All House Members

FROM: Representative Marguerite C. Quinn *MC2*

DATE: June 7, 2012

RE: CO-SPONSORSHIP – NPLeX LEGISLATION

I will be introducing legislation that will add Pennsylvania to the twenty-three states currently linked through the National Precursor Log Exchange (NPLeX) program, which is a multi-state electronic sales blocking system funded by the manufacturers of medicines containing PSE. NPLeX is available to any state that mandates real-time, statewide electronic blocking of illegal PSE sales. There is no cost to the Commonwealth for participating in the system.

State and federal law limit the amount of non-prescription pseudoephedrine (PSE) consumers can buy to prevent the diversion of PSE for meth production. States, however, need an effective way to enforce those limits statewide and across state borders to curb the practice of “smurfing” whereby criminals make purchases at multiple stores to acquire illegal quantities of PSE.

The NPLeX system monitors all non-prescription PSE purchases in participating states in real time to prevent criminals from exceeding legal limits. It also tracks purchases among all participating states so that meth cooks can’t just go across a border to skirt the system. NPLeX not only stops illegal sales in real time, it also provides law enforcement with an effective way of using the records already required by state a federal law to identify meth cooks.

If you are interested in joining me in co-sponsoring this legislation, please contact Juanita via email at jhoffman@pahousegop.com.

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