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TO: All Senators

FROM: Senator Richard Alloway *Rich*

DATE: Thursday, June 28, 2012

SUBJECT: Introduction of Legislation – Co-Sponsorship of Resolution to Extend Resident Goose Season

According to the Pennsylvania Game Commission and The US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) an estimated 155,700 resident Canada geese were harvested during the 2011/2012 season (October 22-29, November 11-26, and December 20-Feb. 25). This total is approximately 77 percent of the state's estimated 200,000 resident geese.

Although resident Canada geese are a tremendously valuable wildlife resource, increases in their populations have led to increased crop depredation and nuisance problems in many areas around the state.

This resolution will urge The US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to extend the season for resident Canada geese. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), which is the agency with ultimate management authority for migratory game birds.

Extending the season for resident Canada geese will not only decrease the nuisance caused by the resident Canada geese but will also allow for increased recreational hunting opportunities for sportsmen in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.