

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the House of Representatives

FROM: Representative Jaret Gibbons, 10<sup>th</sup> Legislative District

DATE: July 24, 2012

SUBJECT: Co-sponsorship of Legislation to Exempt Newer Vehicles from Emissions Testing

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In the near future, I plan to introduce legislation that would amend Title 75 (Vehicles) to provide exemptions for newer and alternative fuel vehicles. This legislation mirrors Senator Vogel's Senate Bill 1532. It is my hope that by introducing this legislation the House, we can more quickly begin deliberations on this important consumer protection issue before the end of the current legislative session.

In 2006, Pennsylvania's Environmental Quality Board adopted the California emissions standards for automobiles beginning in Model Year 2008. Since 2008, all new vehicles sold in Pennsylvania have greatly reduced our pollutant totals for the Commonwealth.

The Environmental Protection Agency requires emission control warranties by vehicle manufacturers to protect consumers from the cost of repairs for certain emission related failures. The EPA also requires that major emission control components are covered for the first eight years or 80,000 miles. Manufacturers of these emission control parts guarantee the performance of their products in reducing and controlling emissions for a long period of time, yet we continue to require costly annual tests for these new, environmentally friendly vehicles.

My legislation will exempt all vehicles less than 11 years old from requirements of emissions testing, but will require a visual anti-tampering inspection of emissions control components. It will also provide an exemption for electric, hybrid electric, or compressed natural gas vehicles from the requirements of Pennsylvania's emissions testing program.

Please join me in co-sponsoring this commonsense legislation that will ease this unnecessary burden on Pennsylvania vehicle owners. To co-sponsor this legislation, please contact Susan Finger at 717-705-2060 or by e-mail at [SFinger@pahouse.net](mailto:SFinger@pahouse.net).