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MEMORANDUM

TO: All House Members

FROM: Representative Tina Davis *Tina M. Davis*

DATE: September 19, 2012

RE: Legislation Regarding Recycling at Turnpike Rest Areas

In the near future, I will be introducing legislation that would require the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission to make recycling containers available to the public at all Turnpike rest areas.

More than 510,000 motorists travel on the Turnpike each day, many of whom stop at rest areas during their trips. Unfortunately, while the Turnpike Commission recycles some materials, it does not have a formal recycling program for bottles, cans, and similar recyclables for those who wish to discard such items in an environmental manner.

As such, the legislation that I will be introducing would make recycling containers for aluminum, glass, and plastic available to the public at all rest areas. In addition, the legislation would authorize the Turnpike Commission to retain all proceeds received from recycled items, which would provide a small, but much-needed revenue boost to the Commission during these tough economic times.

If you would like to co-sponsor this measure, please contact Debbie Brady at 717-783-4903 or dbrady@pahouse.net.