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## MEMORANDUM

**TO: Members of the House of Representatives**

**FROM: Representative Neal P. Goodman**

**DATE: October 3, 2012**

**SUBJECT: Proposed Legislation – Pennsylvania First Act**

In the near future, I will be introducing legislation to amend Title 62 (Procurement) of the Pennsylvania Consolidated Statutes to give preference in state procurement contracts to Pennsylvania businesses. It would be known as the Pennsylvania First Act. Senator Tim Solobay has introduced this legislation in the Senate.

This issue was brought to my attention by a constituent. Currently, Title 62 only addresses preference for Pennsylvania businesses in cases where other states have an expressed preference for in-state bidders and bidders from those states bid on Pennsylvania contracts. It is known as the Reciprocal Limitations Act. My legislation would change the name of this act from the Reciprocal Limitations Act to the Pennsylvania First Act and would require preference for Pennsylvania businesses in all procurement contracts.

The legislature has long expressed that assisting Pennsylvania businesses and residents is in the best interest of the Commonwealth. With the current state of the economy, we need to do all we can to support Pennsylvania jobs. I am proud to join Senator Solobay in his fight to put Pennsylvanians first in state procurement contracts.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact Linda Reed at [lreed@pahouse.net](mailto:lreed@pahouse.net) or (717) 787-2798.