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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the House of Representatives

FROM: Representative Mike Tobash and Rep. Neal Goodman *MBT* *NG*

DATE: October 4, 2012

SUBJECT: Proposed Legislation – Small Games of Chance

Since the passage of Act 2 of 2012, which made some significant changes to the Small Games of Chance Act, we have been in contact with many local non-profit organizations who have expressed their concerns with some of these changes. There are some unintended consequences from Act 2 of 2012 on organizations that operate small games of chance. After meeting with many of these organizations it is our belief that calling for reporting of all proceeds and requiring separate bank accounts is an unnecessary burden to them. In the near future, we plan to introduce legislation that will give smaller organizations exemption from certain requirements under the Local Option Small Games of Chance Act.

Our legislation would exempt organizations which have small games of chance proceeds less than \$12,500 in a calendar year from reporting requirements. Additionally, all organizations would no longer be required to maintain a separate bank account. Finally, our legislation would define organizations with 501c3 status as public interest organizations and remove the word "exclusively", allowing more open use of proceeds for public interest purposes. We are hopeful that our proposed changes to this legislation will ease the burden on organizations and will enable them to increase their fundraising efforts, which was the original intent of Act 2.

If you would like to cosponsor this legislation, please contact Tya Bostwick in my Harrisburg office at (717) 260-6148 or tbostwic@pahousegop.com.