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Memorandum

Date: March 9, 2010
To: All House Members
From: Curt Schroder, Member
155th Legislative District *CS*
RE: LEGISLATION REMOVING THE SUPREME COURT'S
EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION ON GAMING

In the near future, I plan on introducing legislation removing the exclusive jurisdiction of the Supreme Court from matters concerning casino gambling.

Under current law, the Supreme Court has exclusive jurisdiction over any final order, determination or decision of the board regarding licensing, zoning and land use appeals, and over any constitutional challenges of the law.

No other industry in the Commonwealth has this privilege of the Court. It is time to treat this industry like any other.

Even if it could be argued that the exclusive jurisdiction was needed at the beginning of the casino process to get our facilities up and running as quickly as possible, that time has passed. The industry is up and running and no longer should have this special right of appeal, if it ever deserved it in the first place.

If you are interested in cosponsoring this legislation, please contact my office by calling 783-2520 or e-mail Carolyn May at cmay@pahousegop.com.

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