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MEMORANDUM

TO:

All House Members

FROM:

Representative Matt Gabler // (7)

SUBJECT: Introduction of Legislation – Amending the Game Code to Add Emergency Service Organizations to the list with whom the Pennsylvania Game Commission May Implement and Conduct Annual Elk License Auctions

In the near future, I plan to introduce legislation amending the Game Code to add emergency services organizations within the Pennsylvania elk range to the list of groups that the Pennsylvania Game Commission (PGC) may contract with to implement and conduct the annual elk license auction. Currently, the PGC may only contract with a wildlife conservation organization to implement and conduct the annual auction for a single elk tag.

The organization selected each year benefits financially from the auction, receiving up to 20% of the proceeds from the auction. This could amount to several thousand dollars, and upwards of \$10,000 potentially for a worthy emergency services organization. Our valued emergency service organizations in this area keep very busy responding to emergencies as a direct result of elk tourism, increased traffic and other related factors. I believe it is more than appropriate for these organizations to have the opportunity to also benefit from this majestic game animal that can create quite a burden for them.

If you would like to be listed as a co-sponsor of this legislation, please call Alexandra Baldivieso at 260-6142, or e-mail her at Abaldivi@pahousegop.com. Thank you for your consideration of this proposal.