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DATE: January 31, 2011

TO: All House Members

FROM: Representative Dave Hickernell. *DH*

SUBJECT: Cosponsorship – Tax Collection Legislation – (HB 1746 of 2009-10 Session)

In the very near future, I plan to re-introduce legislation that would afford municipal officials another mechanism to address the collection of municipal taxes in situations where there is a vacancy in the position of elected tax collector. In many small municipalities, it is sometimes difficult to fill the position and often the position remains vacant for a prolonged period of time.

Specifically, the legislation would amend the Local Tax Collection Law to allow the county treasurer, in situations where there is a vacancy in the office of elected tax collector and the county treasurer is already collecting *county-imposed taxes* in the municipality, to collect *municipal taxes* as well, pursuant to agreement between the municipal governing body and the county commissioners. The legislation is patterned after an existing provision in the County Code that permits the county treasurer to collect county taxes in a municipality having a vacancy in the tax collector position, is entirely optional and would provide needed statutory authority for county treasurers who may already be voluntarily performing this function at the request of municipal officials.

My intent in offering this legislation is simply to provide municipal officials with another “tool” for possible use in efforts to ensure that municipal tax collection is carried out responsibly where the tax collector position is vacant and there is no interested replacement in the municipality, and to statutorily sanction a sensible collection practice that is occurring in some counties in such instances.

If you are interested in co-sponsoring this legislation, please contact my secretary, Cathy O’Donnell via e-mail to codonnel@pahousegop.com or by calling 783-2076. If you have any questions regarding this initiative, please feel free to get in touch with me to further discuss. Thank you.

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