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TO: All House Members

FROM: Rep. Mark M. Gillen
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SUBJECT: **Co-Sponsorship – Civil Service Act Reform**

DATE: February 3, 2010

In the near future, I plan to introduce legislation that will amend Act 286 of 1941, known as the Civil Service Act. This legislation will be part of a six-bill package to reform the Civil Service system to ensure that Veterans' Preference is adhered to at all times.

Specifically, my proposal will amend Section 206 of the act requiring that the Executive Director of the Civil Service Commission provide notification that veterans' preference is the law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Current law, Act 286 of 1941 and Chapter 71 of Title 51 provides for Veterans' Preference. In addition, current law provides that an additional 10 points shall be added to the final examination score of a qualified applicant.

Under my proposal, notification shall be provided on the Civil Service Commission's website, on all Civil Service Commission announcements, advertisements, and on all exam materials. Furthermore, my proposal will require that the notification indicate that existing state law requires an additional ten points be added to the veteran's final exam score to determine his or her standing on all certified eligibility lists.

Veterans' preference law is intended to aid those men and women who courageously served our nation and to convey the clear message that the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania will always support those who have honorably served this country.

Please join me in sending a clear message to all appointing authorities in Pennsylvania that Veterans' Preference is the law in this Commonwealth.

If you wish to sponsor this legislation, please contact Michelle Clabaugh in my Harrisburg office at 717-787-8550 or email at mclabaug@pahousegop.com.