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MEMORANDUM

TO: All House Members

FROM: Representative Ryan P. Aument 

DATE: February 9, 2011

SUBJECT: Proposed Legislation – Requiring DCNR to Publish Annual Report of Oil and Gas Lease Fund on its Internet Website

In the near future, I plan to introduce legislation amending Act 256 of 1955, which established our Oil and Gas Lease Fund, to require the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to publish an annual report of the fund on its internet website.

In this era of reform, open and transparent government is essential to accountability and the trust in which the citizens of Pennsylvania demand from their elected officials. It is, therefore, important that we provide windows into the operations of state government. Consequently, my legislation requires the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to publish a detailed annual report of all monies deposited into and expenditures made from the Oil and Gas Lease Fund on its internet website during the prior fiscal year, including but not limited to agency transfers or related projects and the municipalities in which each expenditure occurs.

If you would like to cosponsor this legislation, please contact Teresa Leitner at tleitner@pahousegop.com or 787-9172.