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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Members of the House of Representatives

FROM: Representative Scott Conklin

DATE: 3/2/11

RE: Co-sponsorship: **Card Game Contests**

In the near future, I will reintroduce legislation amending the Local Small Games of Chance Act (HB 91 of the 09-10 Session), authorizing volunteer fire companies and other qualified non-profit organizations to raise funds by including card game contests as a viable option.

Currently, eligible organizations are permitted to raise revenue through raffles, drawings and other small games of chance, up to a maximum \$500 prize limit. Card game contests, such as Texas Hold'em, are not specifically listed in the Act and are thus not currently permitted. I believe the intent of the Act was to allow our numerous non-profit organizations to offer various small contests, in order to raise needed additional funding that State and local governments may not be able to provide. Over the more than 20 years since the enactment of the Local Small Games of Chance Act, we have seen new games gain increasing popularity and adaptations of old games resurface. My legislation merely updates the narrow list of eligible contests, allowing our non-profits to capitalize on contests that were viewed differently in the past but are popular today.

In a time where public dollars are scarce and difficult to procure for so many worthy organizations, I ask my colleagues to join me in again seeking to provide additional options for non-profits to raise money. If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact Jim Moser via e-mail at jmoser@pahouse.net

Previous Co-sponsors: CONKLIN, MANN, CASORIO, WALKO, KORTZ, SONNEY, GIBBONS, HARKINS, COHEN, KIRKLAND, BRENNAN, STABACK, PALLONE, MOUL, KULA, DeLUCA, BELFANTI, CALTAGIRONE, MAHONEY, MELIO AND SIPTROTH