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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Members of the House of Representatives

**FROM:** Representative John Hornaman

**DATE:** March 2, 2011

**RE:** Co-sponsorship of legislation – Expanding Good Samaritan Protection

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In the near future, I plan to introduce a bill to amend Title 42 (Judiciary and Judicial Procedure) to allow all citizens of the Commonwealth to assist one another in emergency situations without fear of litigation. So-called “Good Samaritan Laws” are designed to protect from civil liability those individuals who voluntarily provide emergency medical care to victims. Such laws vary from jurisdiction to jurisdiction. In Pennsylvania, civil immunity is provided only to certain classes of individuals, including trained professionals.

This legislation would remove the requirement that to receive civil immunity the Good Samaritan must be certified in first aid, advanced life saving, or basic life support. This would allow all Pennsylvanians acting in good faith and not committing any intentionally harmful or grossly negligent acts or omissions to provide emergency care without the threat of litigation.

If you would like to join me in sponsoring this important legislation, please contact Carla Walker at (717) 772-2297 (x6535) or via e-mail at [cwalker@pahouse.net](mailto:cwalker@pahouse.net).