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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
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MEMORANDUM

TO: All House Members

FROM: Representative Scott Conklin

DATE: April 26, 2011

SUBJECT: Proposed Legislation – Performance Audit of PA Turnpike Commission

In the near future, I intend to introduce a resolution directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a performance audit of the Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission. Among other points, the audit would examine whether the Department of Transportation could more efficiently operate the Turnpike, determine an appropriate management-to-staff ratio, and recommend how to eliminate waste, fraud, and inefficiency within Turnpike operations.

The Turnpike Commission's credibility has recently been brought into question by allegations of political patronage and questionable operating practices. While no state tax dollars are used to operate and maintain the Turnpike, Pennsylvania taxpayers contribute financially when they pay tolls. Considering the significant role the Turnpike plays in inter- and intrastate travel and commerce, it is in the best interest of every Pennsylvanian to make sure its operation is above reproach.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact Kim at 787-9473 or via e-mail at kacri@pahouse.net.

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