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TO:

All House Members

FROM:

Representative John C. Bear

DATE:

September 26, 2011

SUBJECT:

Co-sponsorship: Legislation Amending the Election Code

In the near future I intend to introduce legislation that would amend Section 1631 of the Election Code.

The legislation would require a candidate for countywide office to file their campaign finance reports with the Secretary of the Commonwealth to be placed on the Department of State's website. Currently, candidates for statewide, legislative and judicial offices, as well as political committees registered in Pennsylvania, file their campaign finance reports with the Secretary of the Commonwealth which are uploaded onto the Department of State's website.

The amendment to Section 1631 of the Election Code will improve transparency and provide the general public with the ability to access a countywide candidate's financials just as they would for any statewide candidate.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, please contact Debra Brehm at (717) 787-1776 or dbrehm@pahousegop.com.