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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** All House Members  
**FROM:** Representative Todd Stephens  
**DATE:** January 30, 2012  
**SUBJECT:** Legislation – (Turn Around – Don't Drown)

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In the near future I will be introducing "Turn Around - Don't Drown" legislation to protect drivers and first-responders. This legislation will increase the penalty for driving around a temporary barricade closing a roadway due to a hazardous condition.

During last year's flood events, drivers attempted to circumvent emergency barriers closing roadways only to have their vehicles become disabled and requiring assistance from our first-responders. This conduct needlessly endangers our first-responders and forces them to incur unnecessary expenses to rescue those who act in such a careless manner and jeopardizing others who may need their assistance.

My legislation will impose a fine of \$500 for driving around a barrier closing a road due to a hazardous condition and calls for a 90 day license suspension if the driver's vehicle becomes disabled as a result of driving around a barricade.

If you would like to cosponsor this legislation please contact [Lfreidly@pahousegop.com](mailto:Lfreidly@pahousegop.com) or call her at (717) 260-6163.