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# MEMORANDUM

**TO:** ALL HOUSE MEMBERS

**FROM:** REPRESENTATIVE PETER ZUG *PJZ*

**RE:** Co-Sponsorship Authority Legislation

**DATE:** January 12, 2006

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I plan to introduce legislation entitled the "Municipal Authority Approval of Actions Act."

This bill would require cities of the third class which intend to provide water or sewer service to municipalities or residents outside of the city to receive prior from the PUC and from 75 percent of all municipalities whose residents receive services from or which have a service agreement with an authority prior to:

1. the termination of an authority; or
2. conveyance of equipment or facilities from an authority; or
3. transfer of reserves, assets or funds from an authority to the city.

The required approval by the municipalities must be in the form of a resolution adopted at a public meeting by a majority of the members of its governing body.

This act would apply only to authorities who provide water and/or sewer services to more residents outside a city than inside the city.

If you wish to join me in sponsoring this legislation, please contact Lori Losch Lori Losch at 787-2686 or [llosch@pahousegop.com](mailto:llosch@pahousegop.com).



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**Peter Zug - Auth Leg**

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Pete – wanted to let you know that we amended the authority take over legislation into HB 893 yesterday in approps. We very well may give the bill final consideration today. I will keep you posted.

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

January 6, 2006

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## **Sen. Brightbill, Rep. Zug Unveil Legislation to Give Municipalities More Say on Authority Takeover**

LEBANON – Joined by numerous Lebanon County municipal officials and community leaders, state Sen. David J. Brightbill and Rep. Peter Zug today announced the introduction of legislation to give municipalities served by an authority a say in the termination of that authority.

The "Municipal Authority Approval of Actions Act" – introduced as Senate Bill 1057 and House Bill 2356 – was drafted by Sen. Brightbill and Rep. Zug in response to the overwhelming disapproval from both city residents and residents of served municipalities who feel Mayor Anspach and the Lebanon City Council's takeover was too hasty.

"Nearly half of the municipalities I represent receive water and sewer from the Authority," said Rep. Zug. "Most, if not all, have contacted me in opposition to the Mayor's plan and that's why Sen. Brightbill and I are proposing this legislation. If this bill gets signed into law, we will be able to give a voice to our constituents who otherwise would have none."

"This legislation is intended to invite a constructive dialogue between all parties who are affected by such decisions, establish a formal process by which to terminate authorities – and to do that in a way that respects our spirit of democracy," said Sen. Brightbill.

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If signed into law, the Municipal Authority Approval of Actions Act would require cities like Lebanon to go through two specific steps before terminating an authority:

- Obtain approval from the Public Utilities Commission; and
- Win approval from at least 75 percent of the municipalities which receive service from an authority in the form of a resolution adopted at a public meeting by a majority of the members of each municipality's governing body.

The provisions of the "Municipal Authority Approval of Actions Act" apply to terminations, conveyances of equipment or facilities from an authority and transfer of reserves, assets or funds from an authority to the city initiated after Nov. 15, 2005.

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