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Oct. 27, 1994

TO: ALL MEMBERS

FROM: TONY DeLUCA

SUBJECT: OVERRIDE OF GOVERNOR CASEY'S
VETO OF H. B. 1514

I have contacted Speaker DeWeese to call the state House of Representatives into session before the Nov. 8 election. It is imperative that we legislators immediately address the issue of an override of Gov. Casey's veto of H.B. 1514. We passed H.B. 1514 to delay implementation of a centralized emission testing program in Pennsylvania because it placed a very unfair burden on the residents of this state. It is also very unfair of the federal government to order Pennsylvania to begin a tough emissions testing program to meet the stricter pollution standards -- or lose \$900 million in federal funding.

Unfortunately, Gov. Casey disagreed with our decision and vetoed our bill to delay the start of this program. This means that our constituents will have this very unfair emissions controls program forced on them very shortly. The governor's actions also mean that our citizenry, many of whom are senior citizens on fixed incomes, may face outrageous car repair bills to fix any emissions problems on their vehicles. And, to add insult to injury, the state Department of Environmental Resources now has required that only the new (and expensive) reformulated gasoline can be sold in 33 Pennsylvania counties, including my home county of Allegheny. This is wrong! The way things stand now, our constituents are going to be required to pay for more expensive gasoline for their cars AND pay for auto emissions testing, all in the name of clean air and meddling government bureaucracy.

As directly elected representatives of the citizens of this state, we must do what is right. I urge you to call the House back into session as soon as possible to address this urgent problem. Through an override of Gov. Casey's veto, we can temporarily halt the start of a centralized emissions testing program until at least March 31, 1995 and give the state Department of Transportation the necessary time to renegotiate with the EPA whether any emissions control system in Pennsylvania should be centralized or decentralized.

I would appreciate your support in contacting Speaker DeWeese to address this issue.

cc: Hon. Mark Singel
Congressman Thomas J. Ridge

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MEMORANDUM

TO: All House Members

FROM: Representative Allan Egolf *ae*

DATE: September 30, 1994

SUBJECT: Proposed Legislation - State Sovereignty

On Monday, October 3, 1994, I plan to introduce a Concurrent Resolution which directs the Attorney General of Pennsylvania to challenge by legal action the constitutionality of the unfunded federal mandate that requires implementation of a vehicle emissions testing program for Pennsylvania, and the authority granted or assumed by the federal government, through the laws, regulations and practices of the federal government that are infringing upon the Commonwealth's Sovereignty.

If you would like to co-sponsor this legislation, please call Teri at 3-1593.

Thank You!

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