



## Senate of Pennsylvania

September 12, 2008

The Honorable Babette Josephs  
Chairman, House State Government Committee  
300 Main Capitol Building  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

The Honorable Joseph Markosek  
Chairman, House Transportation Committee  
314 Irving Office Building  
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Re: Reform Legislation

Dear Representative Josephs and Representative Markosek:

As we quickly approach the end of the 2007-08 legislative session, we urge you to bring the following reform bills - all of which passed the Senate with unanimous support - before your committee for consideration as quickly as possible so that we can present all of them to the governor for his signature. In many cases, since the Senate approved these bills, the need for their enactment has become even more clear.

**Senate Bill 986** would prohibit bonuses for Commonwealth employees. SB 986 passed the Senate 48 to 0.

**Senate Bill 1499** would make much-needed changes regarding state vehicle use. It would limit take-home vehicles to employees who drive 1,200 miles a month or more on official business, not including commuting to and from work. SB 1499 also would require employees to maintain mileage logs that would be posted online. This bill passed the Senate 50 to 0.

**Senate Bill 467** would strengthen the penalties for violating Pennsylvania's Sunshine Law. It passed the Senate 48 to 0. We thank Rep. Josephs for listing this bill for committee action on Monday, September 15.

**Senate Bill 903**, the Openness in Consulting Contracts Act, would prohibit any state agency from entering into a consulting contract

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unless the contract is reviewed by the Attorney General for legality and conflict of interest, or is opened up to public competitive bidding. SB 903 passed the Senate 50 to 0.

**Senate Bill 729**, which would require governmental salary information to be posted online, passed the Senate 49 to 0.

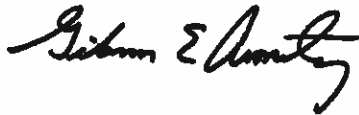
**Senate Bill 1201** would make more information available on the Internet related to the use of state planes. SB 1201 passed the Senate 50 to 0.

**Senate Bill 1015**, the Taxpayer-Funded Advertising Transparency Act, would allow the public to know when their money is being spent on advertising. This bill passed the Senate 49 to 0. We thank Rep. Josephs for listing this bill for committee action on Monday, September 15.

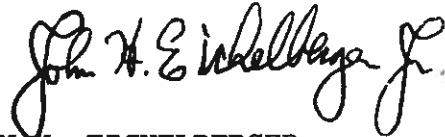
As the prime sponsors of these bills, we stand ready to work with you to address any concerns which may exist. In some cases, such discussions are underway.

Thank you for your kind attention to this request.

Sincerely,



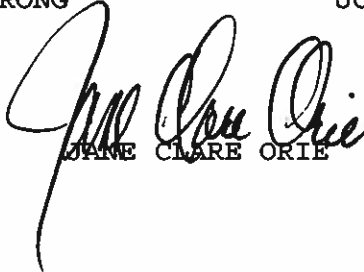
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