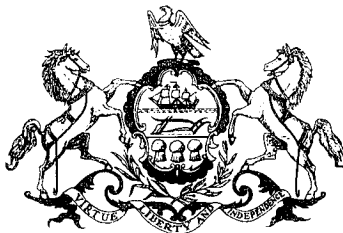


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Representative Babette Josephs  
Chairwoman, House State Government Committee  
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Dear Chairwoman Josephs:

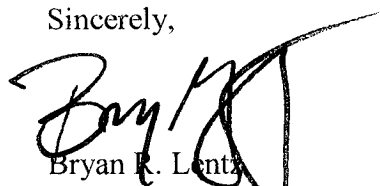
We recently read an editorial in the Philadelphia Inquirer regarding the State Government Committee's failure to bring House Bill 2420 to a vote. As freshmen members of the Democratic Caucus we favor reforming how districts are drawn. Districts redrawn to protect incumbency and increase partisan divisions do not improve government in Pennsylvania.


We are writing again to urge that you reconsider your decision and hold hearings as soon as possible on reducing the size of the legislature, and bring HB2420 to the full House for consideration. It is essential that we act on this proposal before June 23, 2008 which is the deadline to take the first step toward bringing about a needed change in the Pennsylvania Constitution in time for redistricting after the 2010 census.

It is our firm belief that partisan redistricting is among the greatest threats to the vitality of our democratic system and a major obstacle to the maintenance of an effective and representative legislative body.

We hope you will act on our request.

Sincerely,

  
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