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PRESS RELEASE

On Thursday, April 12, 2012, the 2011 Legislative Reapportionment Commission, by a majority vote, approved and filed with the Secretary of State a Preliminary Reapportionment Plan for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. A copy of the Preliminary Plan is located on the Commission's website:

www.redistricting.state.pa.us.

In accordance with Article II, Section 17(c), of the Pennsylvania Constitution, all persons aggrieved by the Preliminary Plan must file exceptions with the Commission within thirty days of the April 12, 2012 filing date. All exceptions must be in writing and contain the name of the individual, a signature, mailing address, and daytime telephone number. Individuals who wish to submit an alternative plan with their written exceptions to the Commission are requested to file a paper copy, and, if that alternative plan is prepared using computer software, a copy of the "shapefile" of that plan. Written exceptions to the Preliminary Plan must be received by the Commission on or before 5:00 p.m. on May 14, 2012.

Written exceptions submitted in a traditional format may be mailed to:

Charles E. O'Connor, Jr., Esquire Executive Director 2011 Legislative Reapportionment Commission 104 North Office Building Harrisburg, PA 17120



Individuals who wish to file written exceptions via email are requested to use "Contact Us" link located at the bottom of the home page of the Pennsylvania Redistricting Website at <u>www.redistricting.state.pa.us</u> and, in the first line of the message, type the word "EXCEPTION." The exception may thereafter be typed directly into the "Message" box or electronically attached using the "Message Attachments" box.

A public hearing will also be held on May 2, 2012 at 2:00p.m., in Hearing Room #1, North Office Building, Harrisburg, PA 17120 to receive any comments on the Preliminary Plan. Please note that individuals who file written exceptions to the plan and wish to present their exceptions at this hearing shall also make a request to be scheduled for that presentation at the public hearing. Please call (717) 705-6339 for additional information.