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To: All Pennsylvania State Legislators

From: [Your Name]

As Pennsylvania residents, we can see that the legislative process in Harrisburg is broken.

For years the PA legislature has ignored and refused any action on many bills with broad bipartisan support. In recent years only a small fraction of bills introduced are given a final vote. It appears that small fraction may be nearing an historic low,

Mechanisms used in other states that ensure bipartisan bills get a vote don't exist in the PA legislature. Even the discharge petition, intended as an avenue forward for bills ignored by committee chairs, has been deliberately blocked and no longer functions as intended. When partisan gatekeepers have complete control over the legislative agenda, our legislators can no longer represent us as our founders intended.

The Pennsylvania Constitution promises the people of Pennsylvania the right to alter and reform their government. We insist that Harrisburg reform the legislative rules so that bills with bipartisan support may be heard, even those introduced by members of the minority party. We insist that bills passed from committee with bipartisan support be guaranteed a vote on the chamber floor, and that bills passed by one chamber receive due consideration in the other chamber as well.

It's time to fix Harrisburg and put PA back on the path to government of, by and for the people.

As citizens of Pennsylvania from across the political spectrum, we ask for action on legislative rules that support this goal.