

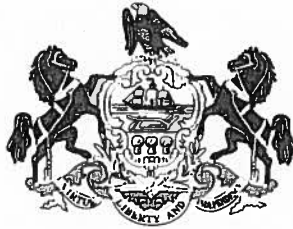
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Date: October 18, 2011
To: All House Members
From: Rep. Rose Marie Swanger *Rose Marie Swanger*
Subject: Proposed Legislation
American Laws for American Courts

Like many of you, I am concerned with the potential infiltration of foreign legal doctrine into our court system. When our nation was founded, our forefathers crafted a Declaration of Independence and a Constitution, both of which were intended to create a unique system of government grounded in liberty and free from the influence of foreign powers. As many young Americans throughout our history have fought and lost their lives to protect our sovereignty and freedom, I believe that it is vitally important to introduce legislation that will keep foreign legal doctrine out of our court system.

In the near future, I intend to offer legislation that will prohibit a Pennsylvania court from considering a foreign legal code or system, which does not grant the parties affected by a ruling or decision, the same fundamental liberties, rights and privileges granted under the United States Constitution. The fundamental liberties preserved under this bill include due process, freedom of religion, freedom of speech, freedom of the press and any right of privacy or marriage that is or will be defined in the Pennsylvania Constitution. I should also note that, under my legislation, a foreign legal code or system would capture any legal code or system of a jurisdiction outside of the United States, including an international organization or tribunal.

I hope you will join me in cosponsoring this important legislation, which is intended to ensure that no United States citizen or resident of the Commonwealth is denied the liberties, rights and privileges guaranteed by our constitutional republic because of the application of foreign legal doctrine.

Please contact Lily Horst, 787-2686, lhorst@pahousegop.com, if you would like to be added as a cosponsor.