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Senate of Pennsylvania

TO: All Senators

FROM: Senator John Eichelberger *John Eichelberger*
Senator Mike Waugh *MIKE*

RE: Invitation for Co-Sponsorship
Local Government Mandate Study Resolution

DATE: March 22, 2010

We plan to introduce a resolution directing the Joint State Government Commission to conduct a comprehensive study of the number and types of mandates placed on Pennsylvania's local governments. This study would be undertaken by a task force comprised of experts familiar with the funding and operation of local government functions. The purpose of this study would be to provide the General Assembly with an extensive list of directives placed upon local governments including if the directive is federal or state in origin, voluntary or mandatory and what, if any, funds are provided to offset local implementation.

The cost for government operations at all levels is on the rise and is demanding that more be done with less. Part of the strain on local government budgets evolves from unfunded directives in which a municipality is required to perform a task with no corresponding funding to do so. A comprehensive study of the number, type, and costs of local government mandates will enable the General Assembly to review these directives for deliberations aimed at relieving these costs for local governments and more importantly, their taxpayers.

If you are interested in being a co-sponsor, please contact Lee Derr at 787-3118 or lderr@pasen.gov or Erin Marsicano at 787-3817 or emarsicano@pasen.gov. Thank you for your consideration.